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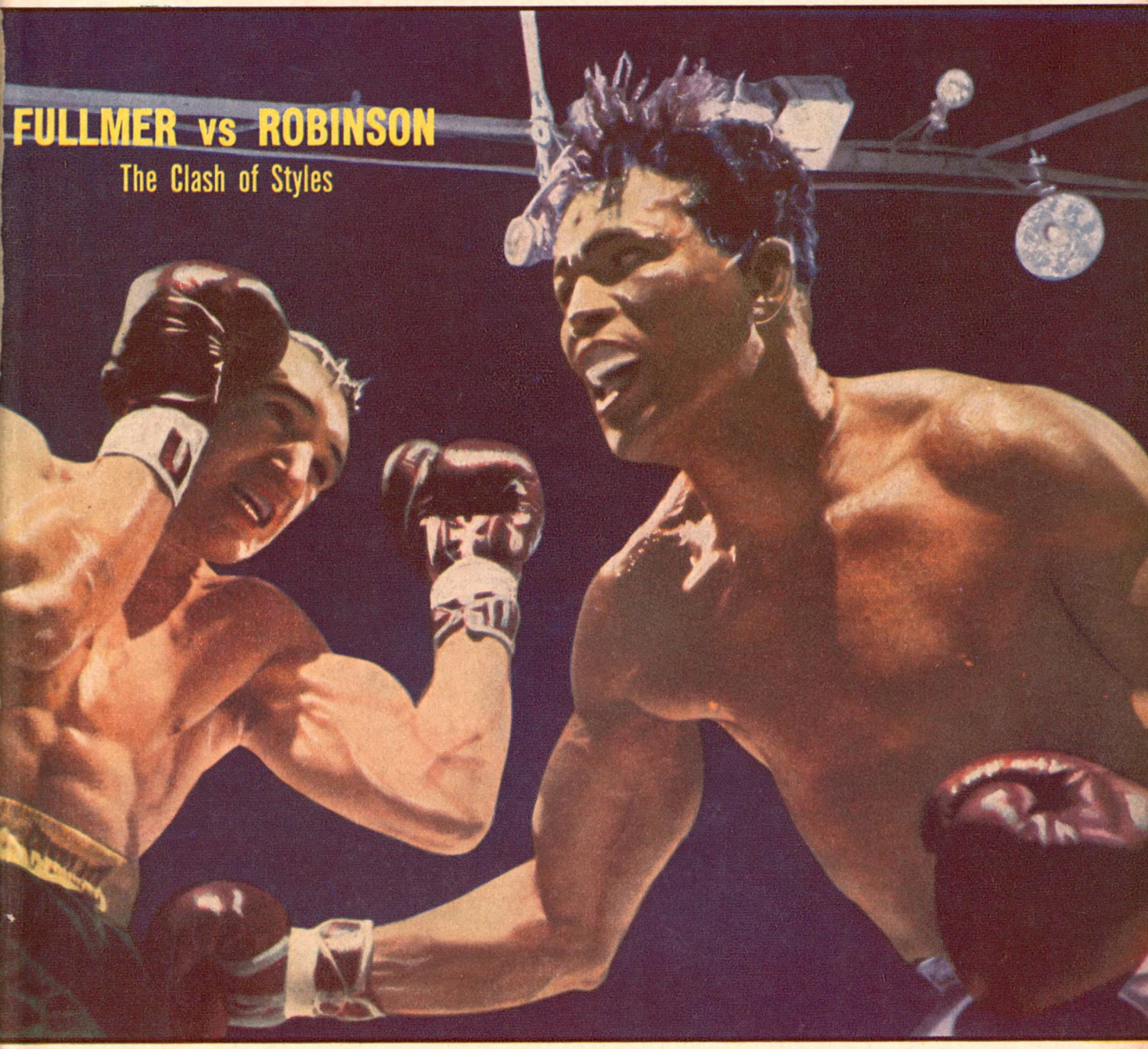

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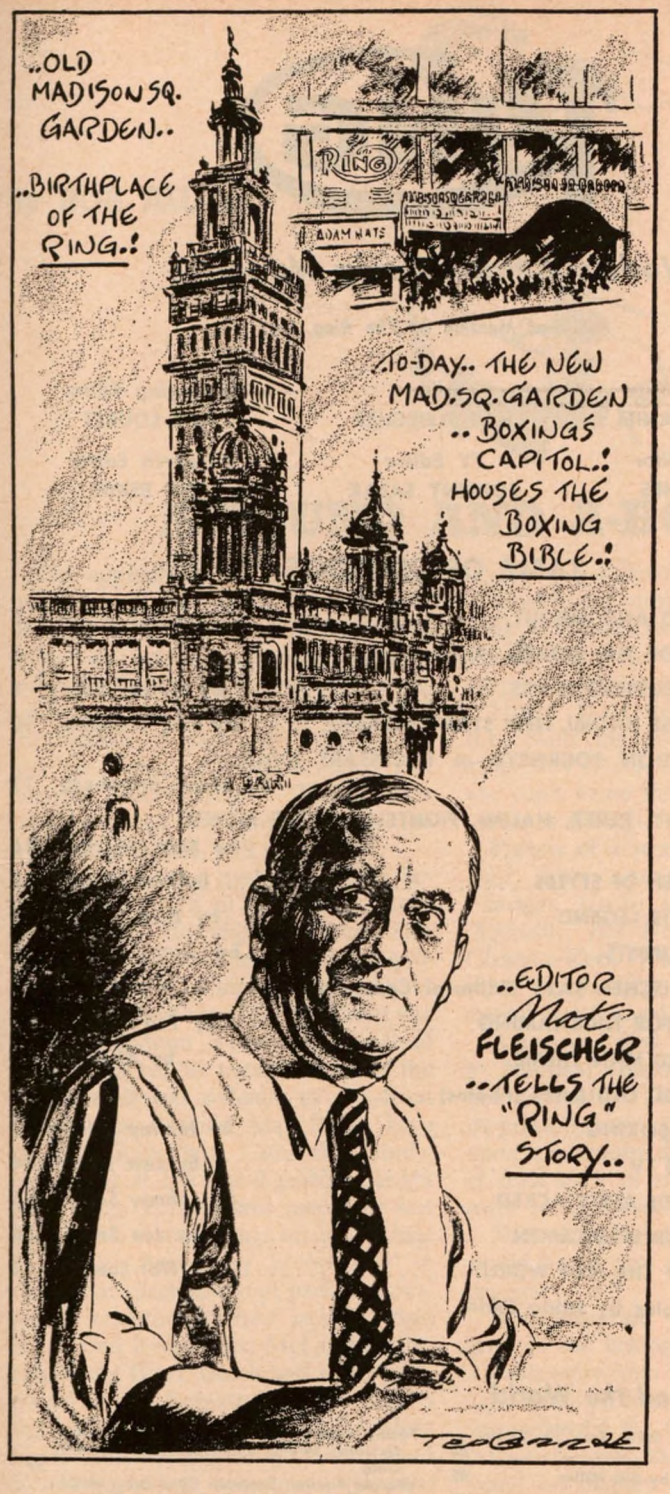

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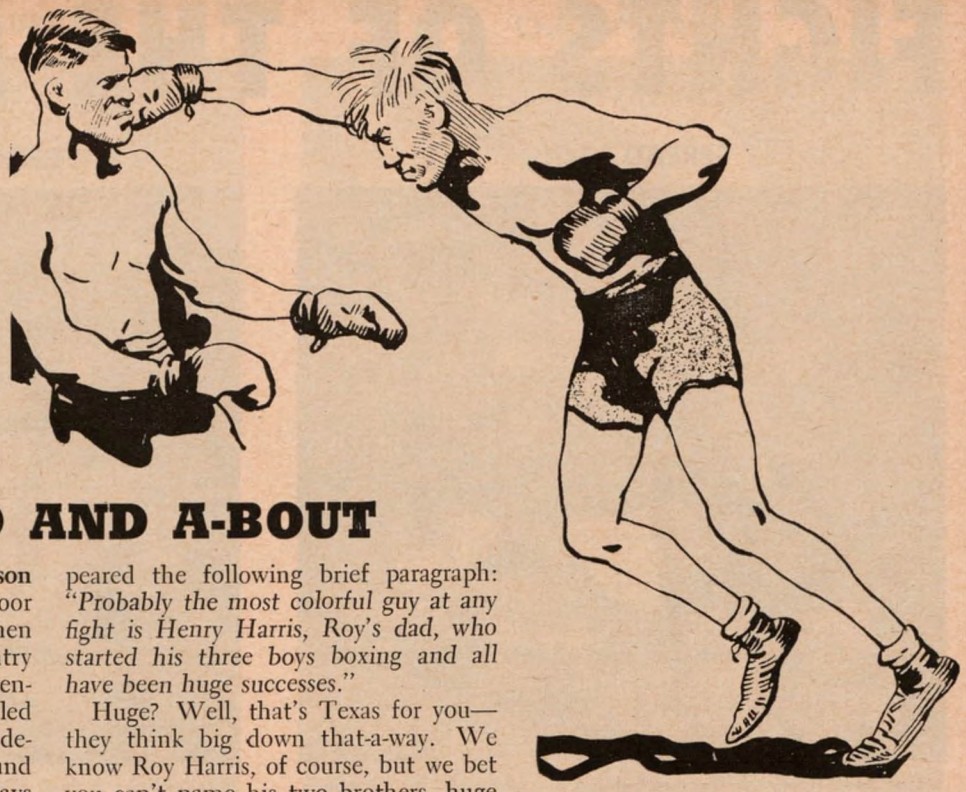

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

The approach of the summer season recalls to mind the days when outdoor boxing promotion flourished, when promoters in many parts of the country resolutely faced the vicissitudes of open-air fistic ventures, courageously battled the hazards of inclement weather, defied the threat of postponements and outright cancellations. Those days aren't with us any more, though the weather, of course, still is.

One recalls the misfortune that befell Johnny Attell in a summer season some twenty-odd years ago when rain washed out eight of ten scheduled programs at the long-since departed Dyckman Oval. And the stifling night at the Yankee Stadium when the overhead lights attracted so many moths to the ring that it was difficult to see—from beyond the ringside—Max Baer's kayo of Max Schmeling. And the windy, cold night at the also-departed Garden Bowl when Barney Ross made the last fight of his career, losing his welter title to Henry Armstrong in weather so chilly that spectators kept packing newspapers underneath their jackets. And the second Ross-Jimmy McLarnin fight, also at the Bowl, which had to be postponed twice because of rain and a third time because of the Jewish Holy Days. And the nights at Coney Island Velodrome when, sometimes, the mist hung heavy over the ring.

Sometimes there was a day of steady drizzle; sometimes where there came a cloudburst as the boxers were about to enter the ring; sometimes the temperature hit 100 and not a breeze stirred; sometimes the temperature took a drop to 50 between weighing-in time and the opening bell; sometimes the bugs swarmed in such numbers as to clog the instruments of the telegraph operators.

But it was outdoor boxing promotion and we wish those days were here again.

In the official program sold at a boxing show in Houston, Texas, there appeared the following brief paragraph: *"Probably the most colorful guy at any fight is Henry Harris, Roy's dad, who started his three boys boxing and all have been huge successes."*

Huge? Well, that's Texas for you—they think big down that-a-way. We know Roy Harris, of course, but we bet you can't name his two brothers, huge successes though they be.

Posters of a recent fight card at St. Paul, Minn., read as follows: *Del Flanagan (Irish) vs. Ramon Fuentes (Spanish); Jim Hegerle (German) vs. Clarence Cook (Jewish).* For a moment there we thought the United Nations capital had moved to the Mid-West.

Across our desk the other day came a National Boxing Association announcement: *"The N.B.A. reiterated its previous warning that it would insist upon champions defending their titles at least once in six months except in cases of legitimate emergencies."*

We wonder what the N.B.A. attitude would be in case of illegitimate emergencies!

Will someone please tell us what gives in the boxing situation in Chile? A cable story from Santiago some weeks ago said all professional boxers had been suspended by the Chilean Boxing Federation because they (the boxers) insisted on higher pay for preliminary bouts, social security benefits, and a free medical clinic. And though we've been scanning the sports pages closely every day since, we've seen not another line. Are the fighters down there still suspended? Are the prelim lads getting bigger purses? Do they now have a medical clinic (for free)? And how does Chile handle social security benefits for boxers? Do the boxers have to keep competing until they're 65 years old? We're waiting suspensefully for a dispatch from our Santiago correspondent.

Joey Rowan is a personable young man and a pretty good heavyweight but we object to his choice of words in commenting recently on Crowe Peele, former collegiate champion. The two boxed a scheduled ten-rounder in New Orleans which was halted at the end of the eighth by the referee, with Peele the winner.

"This guy ain't going nowhere," Rowan told reporters after the contest.

Now that's hardly the language to be used in talking about a graduate of Louisiana State University. What Rowan should have said, of course, is: *"This fellow isn't going anywhere."*

The wire service stories failed to quote any reply by Peele to Rowan's comment but he might very well have said: *"This guy Rowan is definitely going somewhere,"* and he would have been right because the very next day Rowan went into the Army.

The untimely passing of Eddie (Babe) Risko, former world middleweight champion, calls to mind the misfortunes which befell the capable Syracuse gladiator each time he appeared in the Madison Square Garden ring. Three times he boxed there and all three ended unhappily for him.

The first time was early in 1935 just after Risko had leaped into prominence by knocking out Teddy Yarosz, then the champion, in the seventh round of an over-weight match. Promoter Jimmy Johnston was in charge of Garden boxing at the time and he immediately signed Risko for a meeting with Vince Dundee, former champ. At the end of ten lively rounds Announcer Joe Humphreys proclaimed Risko the winner. Five minutes later a recheck of the scorecards revealed an error and the

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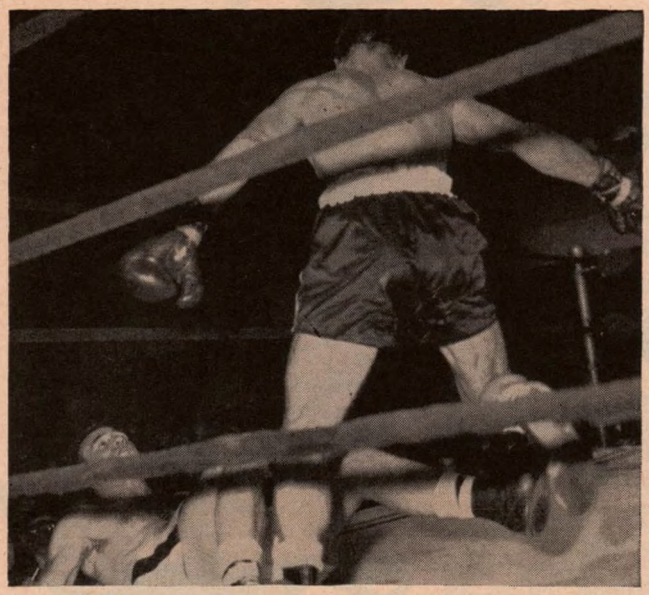
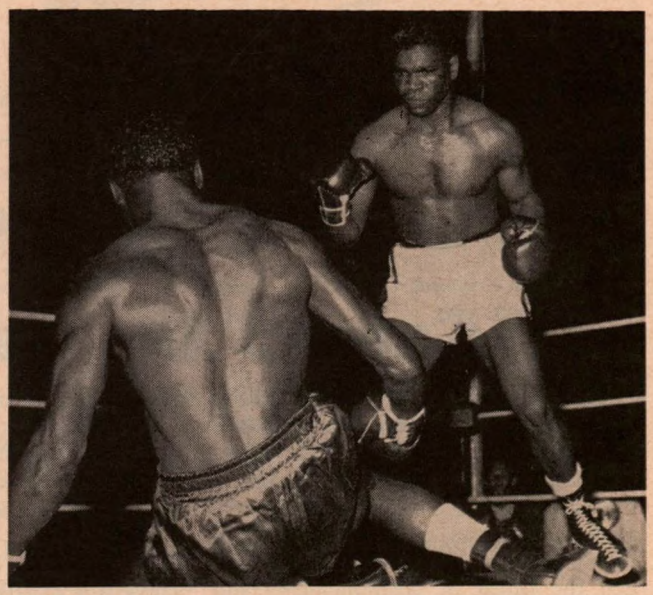


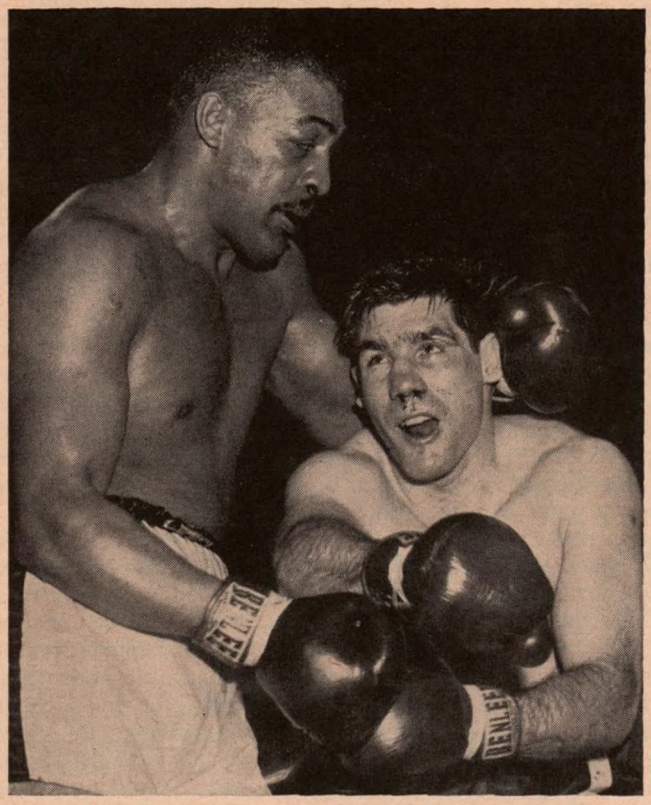
Stefan Redl, Hungarian-German fighting out of Passaic, N. J., stands over Al Rocky Milone, Brooklyn welterweight, shortly before referee Barney Felix halted the contest in the 8th stanza giving Redl his 10th knockout in 13 victories. The action took place at the St. Nicholas Arena in New York City. Redl had been decked in the second but came back strong to down his opponent in the 7th and 8th.

BEACHED AT NASSAU



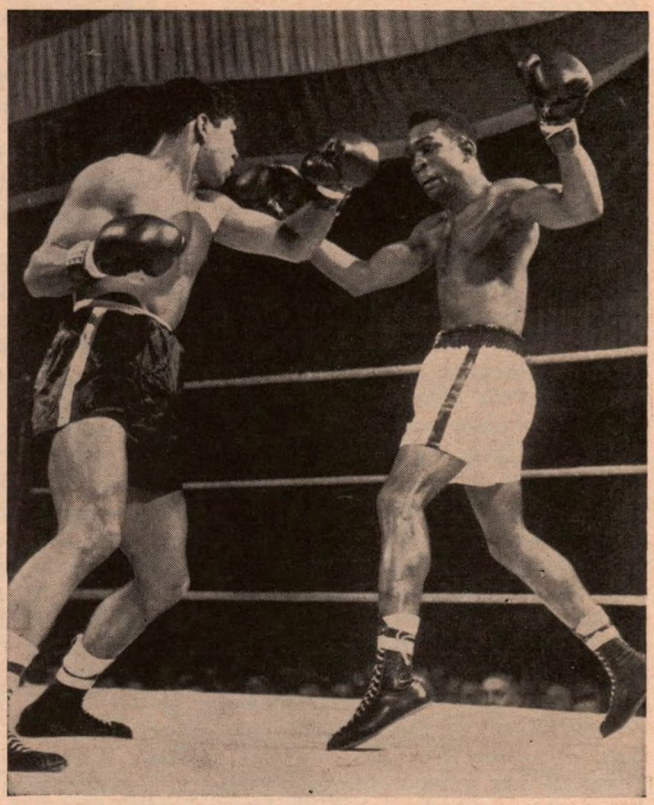
It looked like a quick exodus for Willie Kid Johnson (on the canvas) in the first round with Yama Bahama in their middleweight bout at Nassau, but Johnson got to his feet on three occasions in that round. He managed to avoid Bahama's Sunday punch, but lost a unanimous ten round decision to the highly regarded Biminite. Bahama suffered a gashed left eye caused by a butt in the opening frame that forced him to play it cautious for the remainder of the fight.

GOING UP



German heavyweight Willie Besmanoff broke into the world ratings by winning a unanimous decision over Bob Baker of Pittsburgh (left) in their St. Nicholas Arena setto. This was Besmanoff's television debut and his thirteenth straight win.

SQUARE DANCE

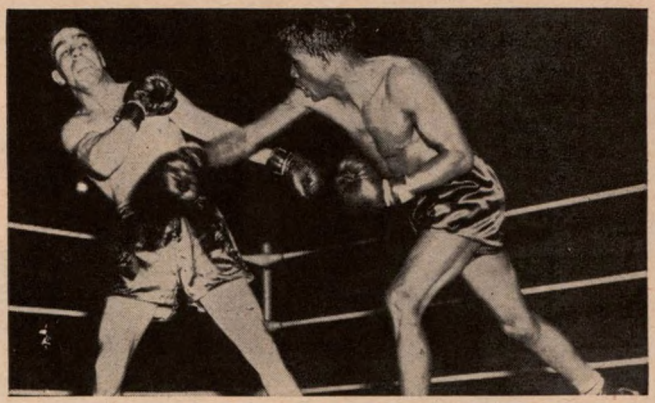


At the Capitol Arena in Washington, D. C., Orlando Zulueta, Cuban lightweight (right), displayed fleetness of foot and speed of hand to outbox Sacramento's Joey Lopes in a ten round split decision that was unpopular with both the fans and TV viewers.

FOR GOOD MEASURE

Billy Peacock (left), Los Angeles bantamweight, jarred Kid Anahuac, Mexico's number one featherweight, with a left to the head in their Hollywood Legion Stadium bout. The Kid came back to win the unanimous ten round decision. He put Peacock down for a nine count in the sixth round just for good measure.

CHAMP'S TRUMP



Lightweight champion of the world Joe Brown of New Orleans (right) lands with a solid thumping right to the jaw of Armond Savoie of Canada. Then he continued to trump his opponent's best efforts during their Houston, Texas over-the-weight-contest and won a unanimous decision.

DURELLE DOES WELL

St. Nicholas Arena played host to an action bout in which the video viewers saw the Canadian light heavyweight champion, Yvon Durelle (left) outclass a willing but lacking Clarence Floyd, New Yorker, who substituted for ailing Angelo DeFendis. Durelle, seen pumping one of many jolting lefts to jaw of Floyd, had completely overwhelmed his foe by the 7th stanza and the contest was halted by the referee.

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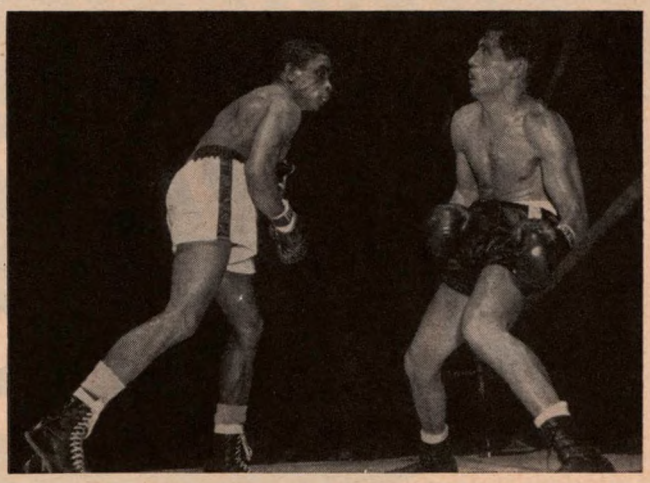

Miguel Berrios, Puerto Rican, overcame early lead by classy boxing of Brooklyn's Carmelo Costa to win a split 12 round decision at Madison Square Garden. By his victory Berrios advanced to the semi-finals of the feather tourney to find a successor to Sandy Saddler's throne. Berrios then fought Hogan Kid Bassey, with the winner to meet Cherif Hamia for the vacant crown.

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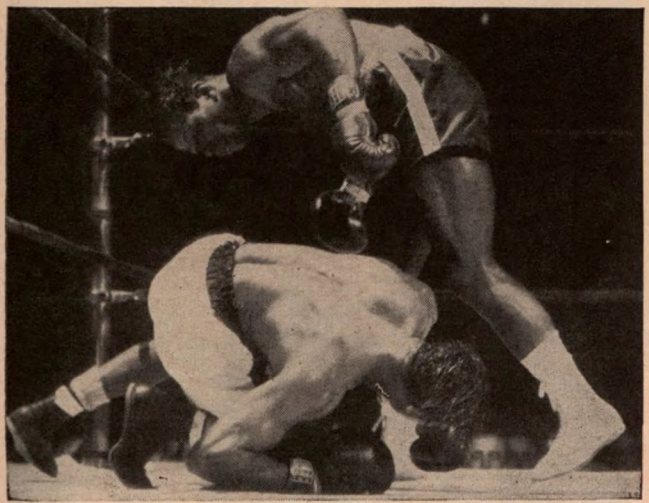
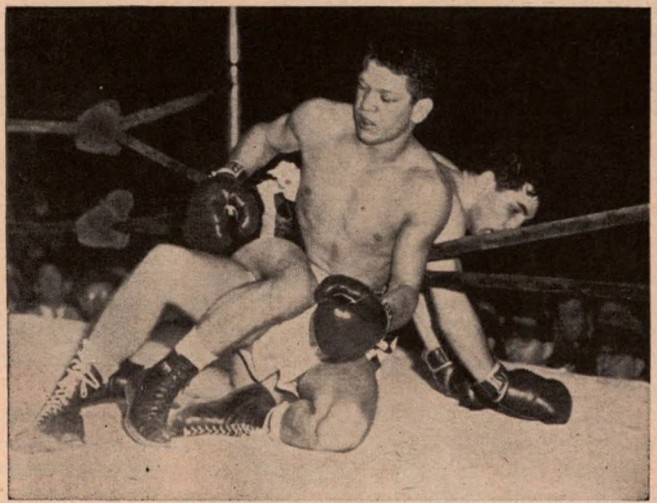


Isaac Logart, Cuban welterweight, stands over Gil Turner, of Philadelphia after wrestling him to the canvas during televised contest held at Madison Square Garden. Logart won the unanimous ten round verdict despite Turner's aggressiveness in most of the rounds. It was Logart's heavier punching in close quarters that won for him.

BOARDMAN'S DEFEAT



Larry Boardman, a rated lightweight, ran out of steam in Boston to lose a unanimous ten round decision to his fellow New Englander, Tony DeMarco, former welterweight champion of the world. Although both fighters tried hard neither was impressive. The fight, a natural for Boston, did a gross business of $61,990.

Bubble Busting BYARS

Above: Byars (right) connects with right to head of Kid Gavilan in their fight at Boston's Mechanics Building. Byars, a practically unknown underdog, matched the Keed punch for punch winning a split ten round decision over the former welterweight champion: Below: Walt Byars as he looks to his opponents coming out of his corner at the bell.

By MURRAY ROSE

Boston's Latest Welterweight Favorite Has Exploded Lavish Build-Ups of Bobby Murphy and Sugar Hart.

MOST fighters want to win titles for money and glory. Walt Byars, latest of New England's welterweight sensations, would be joking if he said he didn't desire some of the same. But this clever, fast-punching newcomer out of Boston's Roxbury section has another motive in mind as he drives for the top of the 147-pound class.

"Every victory I score is another victory in the fight against juvenile delinquency," says the 25-year-old ex-Marine.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Many a star athlete has used that as part of a phony build-up in character.

In the case of Byars, fighting marine and social worker, there is no doubting his sincerity. Right now he is a part-time worker at the Robert Gould Shaw Settlement House, an inter-racial project, in Boston. Walt says that when his

fighting days are over, he intends to make a full-time career of social work.

"I like kids," says the product of the Boston slums. *"I like working with them and I think I can do some good. The most good I can do now is to keep on winning. This win over Hart is going to be worth a lot."*

Byars had just scored an upset decision over the highly regarded and hard-hitting Garnett (Sugar) Hart of Philadelphia in Madison Square Garden to gain nationwide attention. Hart, the 5-1 favorite, had won 12 straight, the last seven by knockouts. Former national amateur champion, Sugar had won 20 of 21 fights as a pro, 18 of them by kayos.

But scoring upsets was nothing new to Byars. A year earlier, he wrecked the sensational buildup of a rival Bostonian, Bobby Murphy, who had just been voted the Rookie of the Year (1955) by the Boxing Writers Association. Supposed to be just another victim for previously unbeaten Murphy, Byars scrambled the advance calculations by trouncing Bobby in decisive fashion. Then, by way of proving that performance was no mere flash in the fistic pan, he took Murphy on again, and this time left no doubt about his previous triumph. He knocked Murphy out. Bobby hasn't been heard of since.

"Kids, good or bad, believe in heroes," says Byars. *"If the hero is not a bad man with a gun, that is good. After I licked Kid Gavilan I became a hero. It was easier to work with the kids. After Hart, anything I say goes. If I win the title, wow."*

In working with kids you got to get their confidence. You can't let them get out of hand. If you pay them a little attention without seeming to, they get to like you. Then they pay more attention to you."

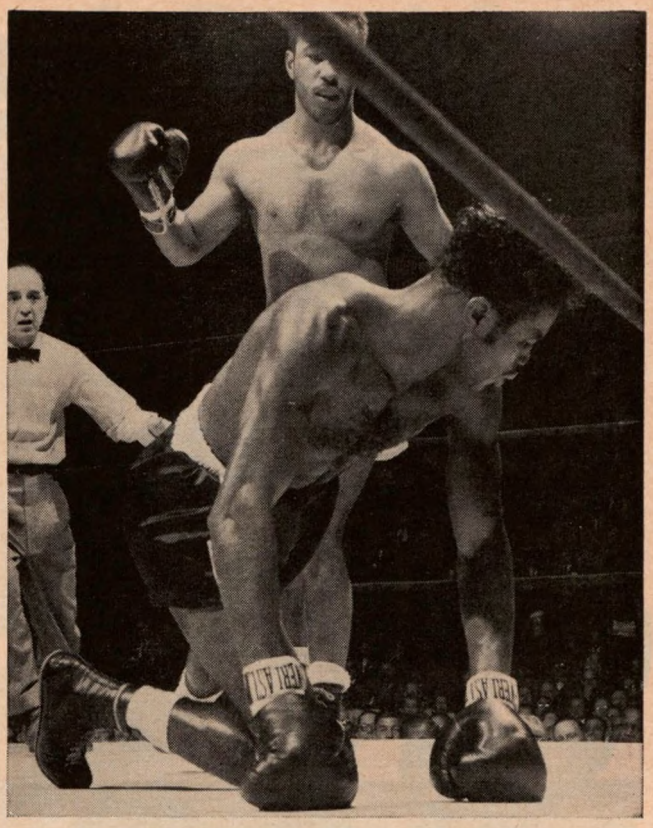
Walt Byars will get plenty of attention in the coming months. Rarely has a newcover scored such a hit in his debut at the Garden and on television. He was tabbed as "another Willie Pep" by many expert observers, including Ed Sullivan, the former sports editor and now the celebrated "Toast of the Town" master of ceremonies on his Sunday night coast to coast television show over the Columbia network.

Sullivan was so excited by Byars' smart show that he sent a wire to Gene Ward, the New York Daily News boxing expert, to get Byars for an appearance on his show. Sullivan had been watching the fight on television and sent his telegram after the sixth round.

The win over Hart stretched Byars' unbeaten streak to 11 and gave him a record of 17 victories, two defeats and one draw. In his last outing before Hart, the well built, five-foot six inch New Englander, had beaten Kid Gavilan, the former welterweight champion at Boston. This one was shrugged off on two counts—the Keed was slipping and maybe it was a "Boston decision."

After his slick job against Hart, there was no doubt a new star had been born. He had Sugar frantic as he made him miss by a mile, meanwhile taunting the lanky Philadelphian with a smile. Walt had a grin on his face through most of the fight. Was he enjoying himself that much?

"I like to fight," he replied, *"and truthfully I enjoy myself in the ring. But there's another purpose. If you keep smiling, you get your opponent mad. When he's mad at you, he can't think straight. And if he can't think straight, he can't fight his fight. He fights mine."*



The big one! This win put Byars into the big time. Walt is seen standing over Garnett (Sugar) Hart, who had slipped after missing Byars with a right. A busy, two handed attack by Byars more than matched the classy boxing of Hart and the Roxbury, Mass., welter gained a unanimous ten round decision to earn world recognition.

Byars, one of eight children of a retired cab-driver, didn't start fighting until he joined the marines in 1951. He was with the First Marine Division and spent 11 months in

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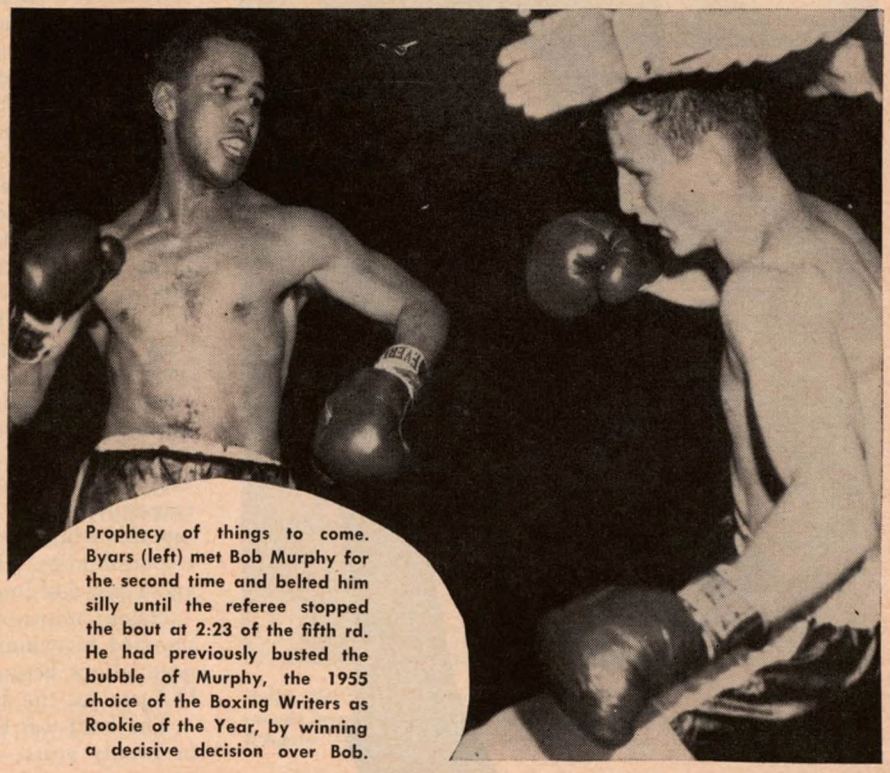


Prophecy of things to come. Byars (left) met Bob Murphy for the second time and belted him silly until the referee stopped the bout at 2:23 of the fifth rd. He had previously busted the bubble of Murphy, the 1955 choice of the Boxing Writers as Rookie of the Year, by winning a decisive decision over Bob.

ALPHONSE HALIMI

By BILLY WILLIAMS

THE answer to that perplexing problem of recent years: "What has become of Jewish fighters?" seems to be: *"They're French-Algerians who become world bantamweight champions"*

Time was and not so very long ago, when Jewish ringmen were battling the Irish for supremacy in the fist-tossing trade. From the beginning of so-called "modern" boxing, the Jews turned out a steady parade of champions and near-champions, starting with Daniel Mendoza and going down through the years with the likes of Joe Bernstein, Abe Attell, Leach Cross, Harry Lewis, Benny Leonard, Lew Tendler, Charley White, Willie Jackson, Battling Levinsky, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Al McCoy, Jackie Fields, Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Abe Goldstein, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Sid Terris, Max Baer, Maxie Rosenbloom, Bob Olin, Jack (Kid) Berg and Barney Ross, to list only some of the vast multitude.

Of late, however, good Jewish fighters have become as scarce as good Irish mitt-slingers. The two races, once so predominant in boxing, appear to be a vanishing species. There hasn't been an Irish world champion since Rinty Monaghan retired as boss of the flyweights in 1949. In this respect, the Jews have a slight edge on their old rivals. Twice, in the last three years, they have come up with bantamweight title-holders. First it was Robert Cohen, who reigned for twenty-one months. Now it is Alphonse Halimi, conquerer of the Italian deaf-mute Mario D'Agata, who had deposed Cohen.

Despite his Arabic-sounding name, Halimi, like Cohen, is of Jewish stock. Also like Cohen, he is a native of the French department of Constantine in northeast Algeria.

Although he has been fighting professionally less than two years, Halimi could hardly be classified as a "youngster", either in actual years or in boxing background. His age is now 25, and before he turned pro he had a long, successful career in the amateurs, with a total of 189 bouts. He held the French national title for three successive years, 1953, '54 and '55, and in the latter year he also annexed the All-Mediterranean championship.

It was after this international meet that Alphonse entered the money ranks. That was in late September, 1955, and his rise was rapid and spectacular. Powerfully built for a bantamweight, he swept over all opposition, and in less than seven months chalked up eleven victories, nine by knockouts, capping the streak by whipping the American visitor, Billy Peacock, in a ten-rounder in Paris.

Following the Peacock victory, Halimi decided to accompany his manager, Philippe Filippi, and stablemates, middleweight Charley Humez and featherweight Cherif Hamia, when they visited the United States in the spring of 1956. Since bantamweights were virtually extinct in America, Alphonse remained only a few weeks and returned to France. After posting one more knockout victory, he was conscripted into the French army, but served only two months when he was released because of heavy family responsibilities. He was the main support of his parents and a crowd of brothers and sisters in Algeria.

Halimi returned to the ring in October and promptly resumed his winning way. After posting six more triumphs, negotiations began for a match in Paris between him and D'Agata for the latter's championship.

The bout was the first for a world title staged in France in twenty years—since Marcel Thil won on a foul from

—New Star of David

French-Algerian Alphonse Halimi won a unanimous and impressive decision over Mario D'Agata of Italy to win World Bantamweight Crown

American Lou Brouillard with the middleweight laurels at stake. In fact, the only other French citizen to acquire a world title in France was Young Perez, who knocked out another American, Frankie Genaro, for the latter's share of the then disputed flyweight championship in 1931. All other French title-holders have done their glory-grabbing in alien climes. Light-heavyweight Georges Carpentier, middleweight Marcel Cerdan, and featherweights Eugene Criqui and Andre Routis won their laurels in American rings, while Cohen had traveled all the way to Thailand (Siam) for his.

Halimi's victory over D'Agata, scored before a capacity attendance of approximately 17,000 and a gate of $84,000 in Paris' Palais des Sport, was decisive. The neutral referee, Philippe de Becker of Belgium, credited Alphonse with eleven rounds, with two even and only two going to the defending Italian.

It was a gruelling battle between two rugged performers of almost similar styles. Halimi won because of his faster and cleaner punching. The stocky D'Agata was aggressor most of the way. Head lowered, he bored in constantly, frequently forcing Halimi against the ropes, but the latter fought his way out into the open with speedy two-handed combinations. Halimi also had the better of most of the brisk exchanges.

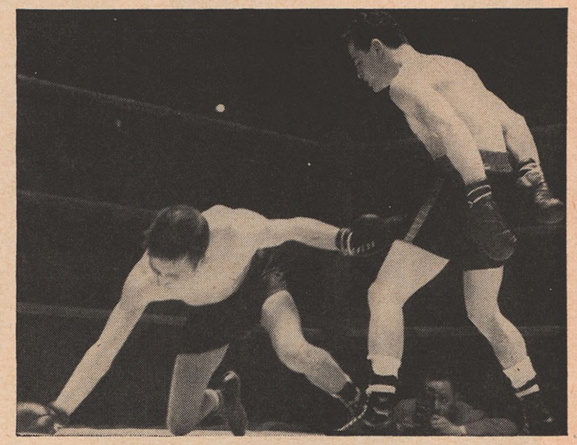
An exciting interlude interrupted the match early in the fight. As the third round was ending, a strange sizzing sound above him temporarily disconcerted Halimi. As he looked up, D'Agata clipped him with a punch. Fortunately, it didn't have any serious effect on the challenger. A moment later the sizzing sound exploded into an electrical fire, caused by a short circuit in the lights above the ring. Burning metal, wire, rubber and bits of glass came tumbling down. The bout was halted by the referee for fifteen minutes while the damage was repaired and the debris cleared out of the ring.

D'Agata was making his first title defense since dethroning Cohen by a six round knockout. Unbeaten in twenty contests, he was recognized throughout the world as the king of the division except by the National Boxing Association, which held out for Raton Macias of Mexico because Cohen had selected D'Agata instead of Macias as his opponent. Before the bout, D'Agata and Halimi had agreed to accept the ultimatum of the World Championship Committee to defend against Macias and now the contest is due to be held in California some time in June.

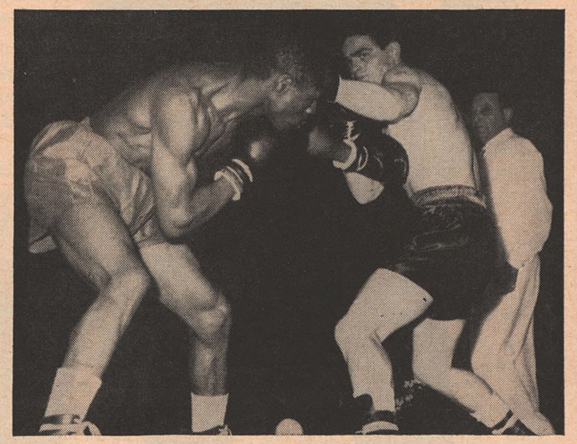
For their bout in Paris, D'Agata scaled 117½ to 116¼ for Halimi.

The victory was the nineteenth straight for the new champion who definitely, if we are to go by ring precedence, is the universal bantamweight king regardless of NBA efforts to foist that title on its favorite, Macias.

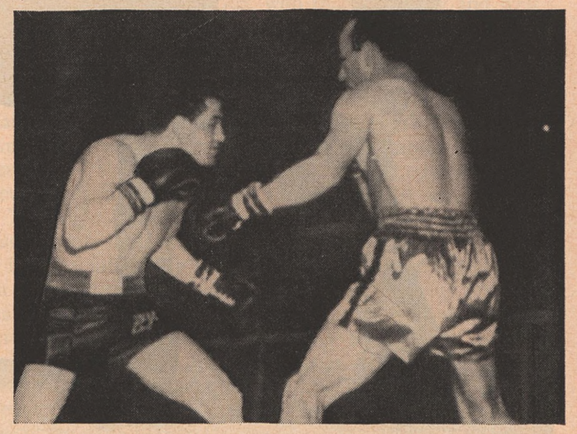
Halimi's victory gave Manager Filippi one of the most successful "stables" in the business. With one world champion already crowned, he has a possible second in Cherif Hamia, finalist in the tournament for the vacant featherweight laurels; he has a European champion and high-ranking contender for the world middleweight laurels in Charley Humez.



Halimi on road to title knocked out the Frenchman Pierre Gyde in two rounds in preparation for his coming battle with the American Billy Peacock.



Halimi (right) won a close ten round decision over Billy Peacock that boomed his stock and paved the way for his championship tilt with D'Agata.



Halimi (left) moves in to attack D'Agata, the world champ. Fifteen rounds later the Frenchman was the new bantamweight title holder as D'Agata went back to Italy minus his crown.

Elimination Tourneys

A Necessary Evil?

By LESTER BROMBERG

MANY years ago—17 to be exact—Billy Conn and Gus Lesnevich were under adjoining showers after Billy had repulsed Gus' bid for the light heavyweight championship for the second time, this one at Detroit.

Above the noisy splash of the water, Gus could hear the voice of his conqueror and friend: *"Hey, you want that title? It don't bring me no money. You can have it. I'm going to fight Joe Louis pretty soon."*

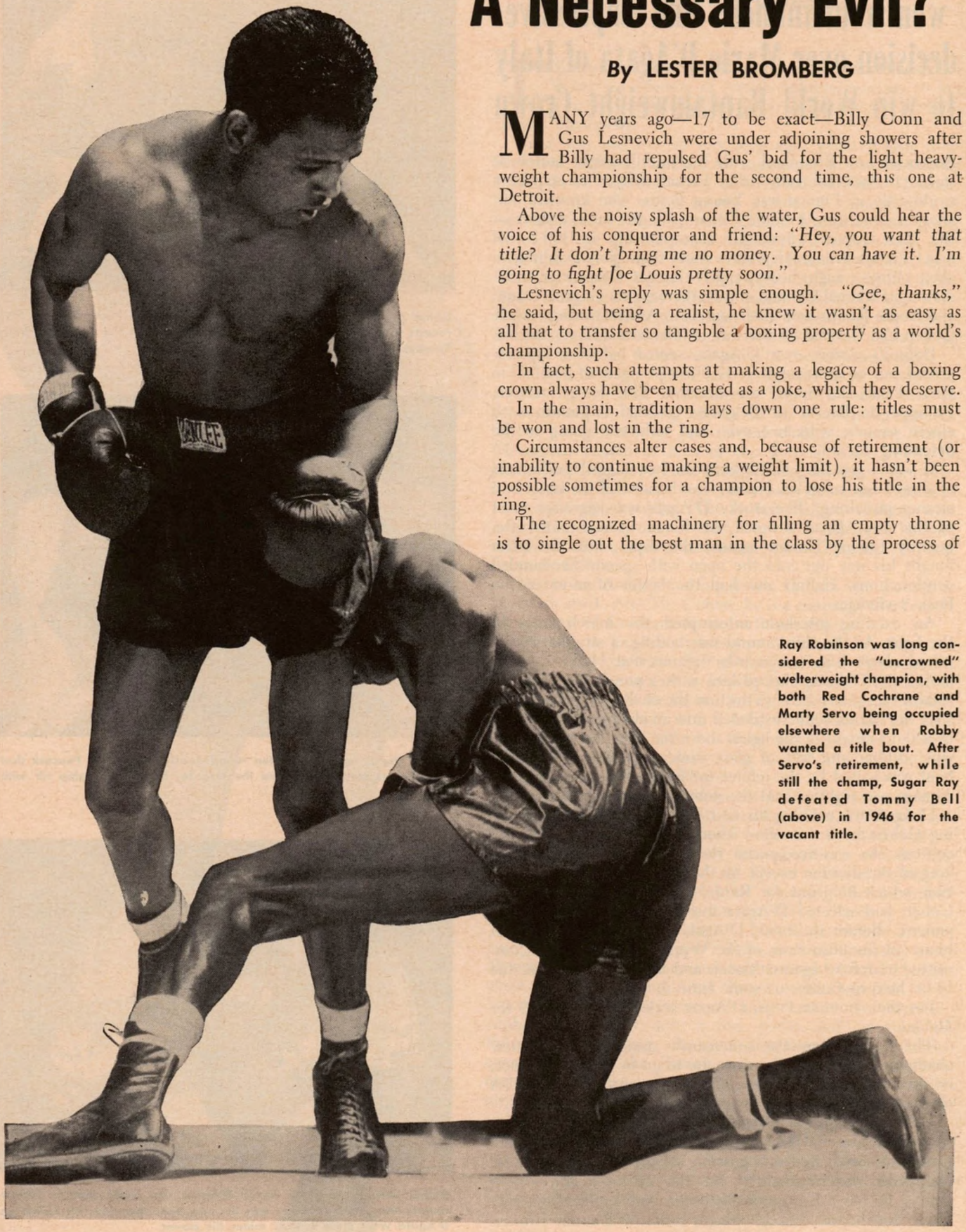
Lesnevich's reply was simple enough. *"Gee, thanks,"* he said, but being a realist, he knew it wasn't as easy as all that to transfer so tangible a boxing property as a world's championship.

In fact, such attempts at making a legacy of a boxing crown always have been treated as a joke, which they deserve.

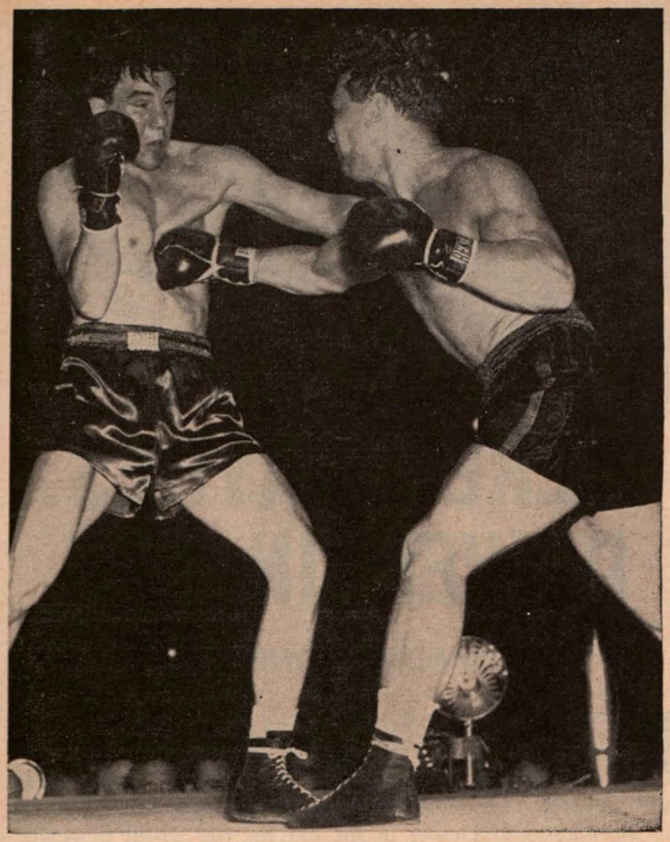
In the main, tradition lays down one rule: titles must be won and lost in the ring.

Circumstances alter cases and, because of retirement (or inability to continue making a weight limit), it hasn't been possible sometimes for a champion to lose his title in the ring.

The recognized machinery for filling an empty throne is to single out the best man in the class by the process of



Ray Robinson was long considered the "uncrowned" welterweight champion, with both Red Cochrane and Marty Servo being occupied elsewhere when Robby wanted a title bout. After Servo's retirement, while still the champ, Sugar Ray defeated Tommy Bell (above) in 1946 for the vacant title.



After Billy Conn gave up the light heavyweight title in 1941 to go after Joe Louis' crown, a number of tourneys sprung up. Gus Lesnevich defeated Anton Christoforidis for N. B. A. recognition and then twice whipped Tami Mauriello (left) to cement his hold on the championship.

There was a decade through the 1930's when several middleweights held a portion of the title. It was until Tony Zale kayoed Al Hostak and a year later, in 1941, defeated Georgie Abrams (right) that he was the universally recognized champion.

elimination, the starting field to consist of the leading aspirants for that role.

Ah, there's the rub . . . how many to put in the tournament? . . . who wants to take the risks involved? . . . are all such matches tempting to the promoter or, as in this TV era, to the sponsor?

The minute an elimination series is envisioned, the possibility of controversy enters. A rhubarb or two livens a situation but, when it becomes bitter, unyielding dispute, you wind up worse off than before you tried to clear things up.

Let's dip back into the era of Conn and Lesnevich.

Shortly after Billy's speech in the showers, he made clear his heavyweight ambitions and Mike Jacobs, reigning promotional power, began moving him towards Louis via matches with, and victories over, Bob Pastor, Al McCoy and Lee Savold.

It was Jacobs' intention also to set up a light heavyweight succession but the normally alert Mike somehow let the situation drag.

Larry Atkins of Cleveland, then very much an independent promoter, promptly stole a march. He signed Melio Bettina, from whom Conn had won the title, and Anton Christoforidis, a Greek importation who'd been winning here, and obtained National Boxing Association sanction for a title match.

Wha' hoppen with Lesnevich, Conn's personally selected heir? Nothing—for the time being. He had the backing of the New York State Athletic Commission as a top contender, but all those worthies could do for him was to say, "*We don't recognize the winner.*"

Early the next year, 1941, Christoforidis whipped Bettina in 15 rounds and he had half of a title loaf. Christo now was ready to fight Lesnevich for Jacobs in New York but, at this point, the Commission came up with a curious insistence—Christo could fight Lesnevich 15 rounds in New York but only for the NBA title; to get New York acceptance, the survivor would have to take on Tami Mauriello, who lately had attained prominence.

The insistence became understandable when Jacobs began telling people "*what a helluva good following this Mauriello has.*" In other words, the promoter had nothing against Lesnevich, he just liked Tami more.

Well, Gus boxed Christo in Madison Square Garden and beat him in 15, probably the first time in history that an NBA crown was decided outside of NBA territory. Three months later Lesnevich met Mauriello in the same ring and Mike's instinct, regarding drawing power were justified. While Gus and Christo drew just 4841 paying $8381, Gus and Tami attracted 8694 and $20,052.

All this time Lesnevich's noisiest booster was Lew Diamond, an amiable chubby old timer, his co-manager, who always was subject to fainting spells but who always sat right behind Gus' corner.

The night of the Mauriello fight, Lew was in his accustomed place and, during the 15 rounds, he had taxed his system cheering for Gus, who fought smartly and well. He also had forgotten that, in the eyes of the New York Commission, Lesnevich and Mauriello both were contenders despite his man's ownership of NBA rights.

Soooo—when the announcer of the night, Harry Balogh, clairioned, "*The winner and new champion*" there was a thud, Diamond had fainted because he thought all had been lost. Balogh went on to say, "*Gus Lesnevich,*" but Lew didn't know the happy tidings until he was revived.

The light heavyweight division had been allergic to tournaments from 'way back.

It came into being shortly after the turn of the century on a unilateral decision by Lou Houseman, a Chicago manager, after deciding that his fighter, Jack Root, was too small for the heavyweights and too big for the middleweights. He created his own two-man tournament, pairing Root with Kid McCoy and squatting the laurel wreath on Root's head when Jack defeated McCoy at Detroit. Jack lost it the same year to George Gardner.

A couple of years later Root got into a heavyweight elimination, though he still could make 175 pounds with plenty

to spare. This was another personal choice item. . . . Heavyweight champion Jim Jeffries had retired for lack of opposition and arbitrarily decided the successor would come out of a fight between Root and Marvin Hart. Jeffries even refereed it. Hart stopping Root in 12 rounds.

Light heavies got into a jurisdictional jackpot in the early 1930s after Tommy Loughran gave up the title to campaign as a heavyweight. New York was satisfied to have Jimmy Slattery as champion, later Maxie Rosenbloom, but the NBA ran a tournament of its own and came up with George Nichols as boss.

Nichols became discredited when he blew four out of his next five fights but Rosenbloom, a great trouper, endured as champion for nearly five years.

Such regularity couldn't last. John Henry Lewis, who'd succeeded Bob Olin, who won the title from Rosenbloom, got into the ill graces of New York's bigwigs. He delayed defending the title and the Commission vacated on him.

Lewis went into the courts to challenge its authority and meanwhile a tournament was set in motion. Tiger Jack Fox won from Al Gainer in a semi-final and Mike Jacobs was scheduling a final for Fox with Melio Bettina when pow!, the Commission got it in the kisser. The courts had ruled that Lewis had been deprived of his title unjustly and ordered its restoration.

Jacobs took the commission off the hook. He induced John Henry to settle for a money shot, a hopeless bid against the peerless Joe Louis (circa 1939) and J. H. let Fox and Bettina go to it. Bettina stopped Fox.

The heavyweights have had three notable elimination episodes. No. 1, when Gene Tunney retired in 1928. No. 2, when Joe Louis retired in 1949. No. 3, when Rocky Marciano retired in 1956.

Informality marked the competition to replace Tunney. Jack Sharkey and Max Schmeling merely licked everybody around. The rhubarbing came with their fight. Schmeling was on the floor in the fourth round when he was ruled winner on a foul. The resultant clamor made that 1930 fight historic. It was responsible for New York's enactment of the first no-foul rule.

Two years later Schmeling lost the title to Sharkey on a 15-round decision which provoked from Joe Jacobs, Max's manager, the never-to-be-forgotten "*We wuz robbed.*"

Louis' leave-taking came on the ashes of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Jacobs' organization. It had declined steadily since 1946, when Mike suffered a stroke that eventually caused his death. Joe signed up with Jim Norris' then new International Boxing Club and signed over his title to that organization, which was to determine a new champion by elimination.

Joe's deal later was to become the focal point of a Federal anti-monopoly suit against the IBC. Early this year Judge Sylvester Ryan handed down a decision holding the IBC guilty of monopolizing title fights and the televising of same.

At the time, however, Joe's action only paved the way for a tournament, which wound up with Ezzard Charles beating Jersey Joe Walcott for the crown.

At that, the familiar New York-NBA feuding got into the act. Refusing to believe that Louis wouldn't fight again, New York did not join the NBA in accepting Charles as champion. The travesty of a titleholder defending an NBA title in New York without recognition there occurred as Ez stopped Gus Lesnevich and Freddie Beshore in that state.

Still, New York was right on Louis. He did come out of of retirement and met Charles in New York City. And, when Charles thrashed a sorry hulk of the old Louis in 15, he finally got universal status of a champ.

The Marciano picture was undisputed from the start. Floyd Patterson got a leg up early by winning a 12-rounder

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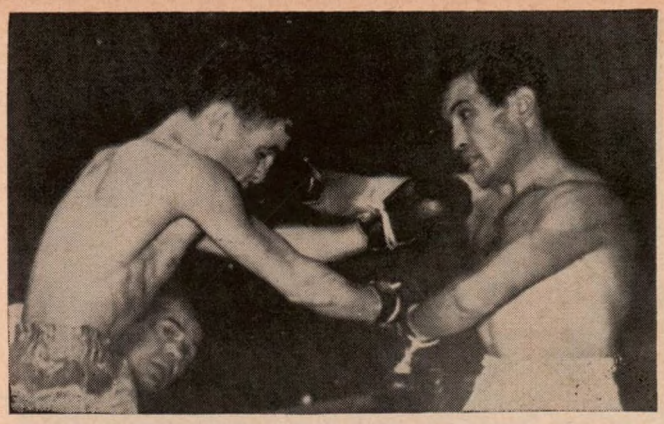

PEREZ KAYOES DOWER IN 1ST

By SIMON BRONENBERG

BUENOS AIRES—From here on in, the only direction in which British boxing can travel is UP.

It couldn't possibly go any lower. It hit rock-bottom with the devastating one-round knockout suffered by flyweight Dai Dower in his bid for the world flyweight title.

After flying 7,000 miles from England, and training for almost a month, the tiny Welshman lasted only 168 seconds against the powerful hitting champion, Pascual Perez, before a screaming, gloating crowd of 85,000 that jammed the big San Lorenzo football stadium in the Argentine capital.

Dower's quick, decisive downfall just about finished Britain as a top-flight power in the boxing world. Within a year, all the bright hopes of the tight little isle had been wrecked in major international competition. Dower was the last.

All Britain can do now is to swallow its bitterness, and begin from the bottom again, putting its faith and hopes for the future in a new and upcoming generation of ring talent.

The outcome of the Perez-Dower thing was generally expected—except by the visiting British delegation. A crowd of English newspapermen had accompanied Dower, his manager Nat Sellers and the London promoter Jack Solomons here and their advance stories for home consumption seemed to exude confidence in little Dai's ability to give a good account of himself.

But once the rivals stepped into the ring, it was obvious to the casual witness that only a miracle could have won for Dower. He looked entirely too frail and boyish for the stockily-built, scowling Perez. It was like pitting an immatured youth against a full-grown man.

At the opening bell, Dower moved out nervously and flicked a light left at the face of the grim, businesslike Perez. The Argentine was in no hurry. He was sizing up the challenger. Again Dower's skinny left poked out and a feeble right slapped against Perez's body.

Perez uncorked a left hook and Dower's feet fumbled. Again Dai flicked a left. Perez threw a right and followed with a left hook. Then, having measured the Welshman, the Argentine got down to serious business. He fired another right, this time with authority. It didn't travel more than six or seven inches but was packed with power. It exploded on Dower's chin.

That's all there was, except for the official counting.

QUERIES ANSWERED BY NAT FLEISCHER

Walter Kalendyk, Albany, N. Y.

Q—Must a champion and challenger file a bond or a forfeit with the commission when a title bout is arranged. If so under what rule?

A—*Yes. Rule 5 follows: All contracts for championship bouts must be filed with the commission. On the date of the signing of the contracts, the two contestants and the licensed corporation promoting the bout will deposit forfeits with the Commission in the following amounts:*

$1,000—*For flyweights, bantamweights and featherweights*
$1,500—*For Lightweights*
$2,000—*For Welterweights and Middleweights*
$2,500—*For Light Heavyweight*
$5,000—*For Heavyweight*

Such forfeits are to insure appearance of the contestants and to make proper weight and that the promoter will fulfill his obligation.

Charles D. Hankins, Norman, Okla.

Q—Where did Floyd Patterson and Joey Maxim box? Was this a disputed decision?

A—*They boxed at the Eastern Parkway Arena of Brooklyn. Matchmaker Teddy Brenner signed them for eight rounds due to the fact that Patterson was not of age and couldn't engage in a bout beyond eight. Maxim won the decision with which the scribes failed to agree.*

Jim De Grazzio, Washington, D. C.

Q—Considering Jim Jeffries to be in his absolute prime of condition when he won the crown from Fitzsimmons in 1899, in your opinion, do you believe he would still have taken the measure of Ruby Robert at the time he knocked out Dempsey, the Nonpariel in 1891?

A—*I favor Jeffries because of his tremendous durability though Bob Fitzsimmons definitely was as hard a hitter and more clever. Fitzsimmons was still in his prime when he and Jeffries met. When he fought Nonpariel he was not the great fighter that he was 8 years later when he fought Jim Corbett and won the crown. The weight difference certainly would have affected his chance against a tough fighter like Jeffries.*

Frederick Johnson, Leesburg, N. J.

Q—Where did Hurricane Jackson and Joey Giardello fight? I cannot find any reference to this contest.

A—*Because they never fought.*

A. J. Lewis, Bakersfield, Cal.

Q—How many times did Ezzard Charles and Joey Maxim fight for the heavyweight title?

A—*Once. On May 30, 1951 at Chicago. Charles won in 15 rounds. They fought twice besides that bout, once on Feb. 28, 1949 and again on Dec. 12, 1951, but neither was a championship bout. You'll find all this and much more in The 1957 Ring Record Book.*

Sal Tornillo, Upper Montclair, N. J.

Q—Did Tony Canzoneri and Al Davis ever fight?

A—*Yes, Canzoneri stopped Davis in three rounds. The Ring Record Book is handy for such queries.*

R. F. C., San Francisco, Cal.

Q—Was Jake La Motta ever dropped to the canvas?

A—*Yes, Danny Nardico turned the trick when he knocked Jake out at Coral Gables in 1952 in the eighth round.*

Ray Rushing, Shreveport, La.

Q—Have Tiger Jones and Gene Fullmer ever been knocked down?

A—*Yes, each has been dropped.*

Charlie Fosdick, Savannah, Ga.

Q—Did Gene Tunney ever hold the light heavyweight title?

A—*Yes, he beat Harry Greb in 1923 to win the crown then gave it up to enter the heavyweight class. You can get all this information in the 1957 Ring Record Book, an ideal book to study for the $64,000 Question Quiz.*

Clifford M. Booker, Spokane, Wash.

Q—How are the color of the trunks worn in a TV bout, awarded? Who makes the choice?

A—*The commissions on the day of the weigh-in. In most states if one contestant is a Caucasian and the other a Negro or any other colored skin, the Commission gives the white trunks to him and the black to his opponent. If both are colored, the choice rests with the commission.*

Edward Helmer, Omaha, Neb.

Q—I always understood that if a fighter struck an opponent anywhere above the waist line, so long as he hits with the knuckle portion of the gloves, such a blow is legal. Why all the fuss about Gene Fullmer hitting Ray Robinson with the rabbit punch? Didn't Gene strike with the knuckle portion of his gloves? I saw it that way on TV. What are the rules about fair punches?

A—*You are correct—A blow is a fair one when struck above the waist line with the knuckle portion of the gloves. In the case cited by you, I saw no rabbit punches struck.*

Ray Robinson was holding frequently. His opponent came rushing forward and attempted to strike the face. Ray clinched and kept twisting his head to avoid such facial blows. Therefore the punches that Gene landed on the neck and the side of the head were legal.

To strike the illegal rabbit punch one must make a downward, chopping blow with the side of the gloves as Dempsey did in his fight with Bill Brennan in the old Garden. Such was not done by Fullmer.

If you recall in the fight between Schmeling and Louis. Max cried foul when struck in the side. He declared that Louis hit him with the illegal kidney punch. While this was so, the fault rested wholly with Max who twisted his body to avoid mid-section attacks hence the kidney punch in that case was legal. It was not delivered intentionally.

Arthur James, Philadelphia, Pa.

Q—When did the 20 round fights terminate? Could a Commission stage such a contest to-day?

A—*No state has any rule relative to banning 20 round fights. All states have a 15 rounds championship ruling, but any state commission if it so desired, could list a bout for 20 rounds. It would be wholly up to the Boxing Commission to decide.*

The last ones were those in which Joe Louis fought Abe Simon and Bob Pastor.

W. J. Quill, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Q—Did Rocy Marciano fight any foreigners in defense of his title?

A—*Yes, he knocked out Don Cockell, British champion, in California.*

J. R. O'Neill, Farmington, N. M.

Q—Did Gene Tunney defend his title after he had defeated Jack Dempsey?

A—*Yes, twice. He defeated Dempsey a second time in what has become known as the Long Count victory and then knocked out Tom Heeney. Following that bout he retired. I suggest you get The 1957 Ring Record Book. You'll then be able to answer all queries on boxing that normally come up in arguments.*

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 17th

HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
2—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
3—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
5—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
6—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
8—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Arizona
9—**WILLI BESMANOFF,** Germany
10—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
GENE FULLMER, West Jordan, Utah

1—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
3—**ELLSWORTH (SPIDER) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
4—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
5—**RALPH (TIGER) JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
6—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.
7—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
8—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**CHEBO HERNANDEZ,** Mexico
10—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**ORLANDO ZULUETA,** Cuba
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.
6—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
7—**BABY VASQUEZ,** Mexico
8—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
9—**AL NEVAREZ,** Mexico
10—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ALPHONSO HALIMI, France

1—**RAUL (RATON) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
3—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
4—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**GERMAN OHM,** Mexico
6—**DANTE BINI,** France
7—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
8—**ORLANDO REYES,** Cuba
9—**ROBERT TARTARI,** France
10—**JOE BECERRA,** Mexico

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
2—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
3—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
4—**HANS STRETZ,** Germany
5—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
6—**DOGOMAR MARTINEZ,** Uruguay
7—**RANDY TURPIN,** England
8—**WIM SNOEK,** Holland
9—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.
10—**CHARLES COLIN,** France

WELTERWEIGHTS

(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**TONY DE MARCO,** Boston, Mass.
2—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
5—**JOHNNY SAXTON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—**DEL FLANAGAN,** St. Paul, Minn.
7—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
8—**CHARLEY (TOMBSTONE) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**WALTER BYARS,** Roxbury, Mass.
10—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
2—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
3—**MIGUEL BERRIOS,** Puerto Rico
4—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
5—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
6—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
7—**JEAN SNEYERS,** Belgium
8—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
9—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
10—**KID ANAHUAC,** Mexico City

FLYWEIGHTS

(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
2—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
3—**DOMMY URUSA,** Philippines
4—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
5—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
6—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
7—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
8—**GERMAN PARDO,** Chile
9—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
10—**ROBERT POLLAZON,** France

PASCUAL PEREZ
ALPHONSE HALIMI
TONY ANTHONY

Fighters of the Month

TRYING to select the Fighter of the Month is normally a fairly simple task. He usually is a champion who has made an impressive defense of his title or an outstanding contender who has eliminated an important rival. There are occasional months, of course, when two fighters seem so evenly matched in their performances that it becomes difficult to choose between them.

This month, however, has been notable in that the choice of No. 1 fighter becomes a ticklish proposition. There are three entries in the scramble. One retained his world championship by demolishing his challenger in spectacular fashion. Another won a world title from a highly regarded defender. There was no titular laurels involved in the performance of the third, but his stunning victory not only established him as the outstanding challenger for Archie Moore's light heavyweight crown but a probably future contender for the one worn by Floyd Patterson.

The three candidates for this month's award are flyweight champion Pascual Perez of Buenos Aires, Argentine, who needed only one round to wreck challenger Dai Dower; Alphonse Halimi, unbeaten French-Algerian who reached the peak of the world's bantamweight heap by whipping Mario D'Agata in Paris and Tony Anthony of New York who became the top contender for the laurels in his division and a likely future heavyweight threat by his quick, devastating job on Chuck Spieser in Detroit. The trio rate tops in world boxing for the past month.

Willi Besmanoff of Germany, hitherto rated among the light heavyweights, has been advanced to the heavier division and replaces inactive Ingemar Johansson of Sweden, the European champion. Willi whipped one time top contender Bob Baker and is ranked in ninth place.

Chuck Spieser dropped from first to fifth place in the light heavyweight ranks, with European champion Gerhard Hecht of Germany and Hans Stretz of the same country, advancing one notch. Yolande Pompey retains his second post.

Willi Hoepner of Germany, inactive, has been replaced by Wim Snoek of Holland in ninth position.

Joey Giardello's defeat by Willie Vaughn, later declared a no-decision bout by the Commission, caused Joey to lose his high post. He went down from sixth to eighth while Joey Giambra, who stopped Al Andrews, was advanced from seventh to sixth. Bobby Boyd of Chicago, back in action following an injury, with his tough win over Franz Szuzina, has regained a ranking spot and replaces Neal Rivers.

In the welter class, George Barnes, Australian and British Empire champion, has been returned to the top ten by virtue of his kayo of Orient champion Somdez Yontrakit of Thailand. Barnes replaces Ramon Fuentes in tenth position. Walter Byars of Roxbury, Mass., has gained one post, up from tenth to ninth, with Del Flanagan up from seventh to sixth and Vince Martinez, loser to lightweight Ralph Dupas of New Orleans, down from sixth to seventh.

Dupas has gone up from sixth to fourth among the lightweights and Orlando Zulueta of Cuba, winner over Joe Lopes and Chico Medina, advanced from fourth to third place. Larry Boardman of Marlboro, Conn., who lost to Tony De Marco, dropped to fifth from his high position and Willie Toweel of South Africa, went down from fifth to sixth.

The feather class finds Flash Elorde of Manila up another peg, from fifth to fourth, replacing Carmelo Costa, and Gil Cadilli, loser to Davey Moore was dropped from the ratings to make room for Kid Anahuac of Mexico.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Joe Armstrong, Ghanda
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Jesse Bowdry, St. Louis, Mo.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Tony Montano, Phoenix, Arizona
WELTERWEIGHT—Tony Veranis, Dorchester, Mass.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Plummer Willis, Minneapolis, Minn.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Felipe Uribe, Albuquerque, N. M.
BANTAMWEIGHT—Eduardo Guerrero, Mexico
FLYWEIGHT—Young Aquino, Philippines

Alphone Halimi, new world champion, replaced Mario D'Agata as title holder and D'Agata dropped as a result to second spot, with Raton Macias of Mexico, NBA champion, still holding down the leading contender's post.

Tanny Campo of Manila, on a losing streak, has been eliminated to make room for Joe Becerra of Mexico, now tenth. Robert Tartari of France, dropped from seventh to ninth with Al Asuncion of the Philippines exchanging positions with him.

Orlando Reyes of Cuba advanced from tenth to eighth. Becerra has lost only one fight as a pro, that to German Ohm, whom he has also beaten and has five in a row this year over good talent.

The flyweight division finds Dower down in ninth place from fifth post, where he was prior to his kayo at the hands of Perez in one round and Mitoshi Misako, Japan's champion, upped from eighth to fifth with German Pardo of Chile, advanced from ninth to eighth.

Here are the leading results of the month:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Baker whipped Jeff Dyer, 10, but lost to Willi Besmanoff, 10. Pat McMurtry kayoed Ruben Vargas, 3.

Crowe Peele stopped Joey Rowan, 9. Paul Andrews outpointed Ernie Cab, 10. Hans Kalbfell disposed of Edgar Hernandes, 5.

Bert Whitehurst won from Garvin Sawyer, 10. Dick Richardson demonlished Giannino Luise, 5. Mike DeJohn was held to a draw by Neal Welch, 10. George Chuvalo kayoed Moses Graham, 1.

Alonzo Johnson outpointed Ollie Wilson, 8, but lost to Cortez Stewart, 6. Italian Olympic representative Mino Bozzano celebrated pro debut by stopping Dante Lepercq, 6.

Bob Butcher kayoed Dave Ford, 1. Andy Domebo bested Art Wright, 6. Ernie Bernard whipped Nick Vasquez, 6. J. D. Marshall kayoed Charles Scott, 2.

Benny Mason kayoed Doug Sherer, 5. Ruben Wilson won from Joe Sandell, 6. Harley Breshears kayoed Roland Quartz, 1, and beat Willie Stevens, 6. Dennis McCann kayoed Bobby McQuiade, 1.

Leo Merino kayoed Bill Reese, 2, but was stopped by Tommy Villa, 2. Augie Turiano and Tommy Selkirk drew, 4. George Payton kayoed Ben Marshall, 5. Dave Roy won from Andy Walker, 6. John Holman outpointed Ewart Potgieter, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Tony Anthony knocked out Chuck Spieser, 3.

Yvon Durelle stopped Clarence Floyd, 7. Bobby Dykes kayoed Gordon Pouliot, 3.

Wim Snoek kayoed Luis Agnico, 10. Artie Towne halted Ruben Hernandez, 6. Eddie Demars won over Johnny James, 10.

Alvin Green outscored Billy Tisdale, 8. Eloy Vann kayoed Alvin Williams, 5. Billy Ryan stopped Pat O'Brien, 1. Tony Masciarelli and Claude Williams drew, 10. Uwe Janssen scored upset by stopping Wenzel Bociek, 2.

Stanley Mlynski won over George Jarosch, 6. Rocco Mazzola outpunched Erwin Hack, 8. Jimmy Robinson kayoed Phil Saxton, 5.

Bobby King stopped Paul Rudd, 7. Milton Epps beat Dick D'Orsi, 6. Ossie Groom kayoed Chuck Church, 1. Sonny Ray won from Larue Harvey, 6.

Floyd McCoy kayoed Roy Belsito, 3. Donnie Fleeman won from heavyweight Johnny Hollins, 6. Sonny O'Mara beat Andy Jurgens, 6.

Roque Maravilla beat Willie Stevens, 6, and Darrell Layton, 6. Sal Cantino kayoed Joe Banks, 2.

Jesse Bowdry kayoed Chuck Garrett, 3. Santiago Gutierrez kayoed Frankie Farr, 1. Albert Finch decisioned Terrence Murphy, 12.

Al Bourke stopped Bruce Farthing, 7. Horst Niche whipped Jacques Bro, 8. Don Ellis knocked out Surgio Burchi, 3, but was beaten by Italian Champion Artemio Calzaverra, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Willie Vaughn scored an upset split decision over Joey Giardello, 10, but referee's card was incorrectly marked and verdict was officially changed to no decision.

Rory Calhoun kayoed Georgia Kid, 6.

Joey Giambra stopped Al Andrews, 6. Ralph (Tiger) Jones decisioned Arthur King, 10.

Bobby Boyd won from Franz Szuzina, 10. German Champion Peter Muller outfought Domingo Mena, 10. Yama Bahama bested Willie (Kid) Johnson, 10.

Andres Selpa kayoed Emilio Jackson, 3. Graham Lamont outfought Glen Carsburg, 15, and Stan Reimer, 12. Bobby Lane kayoed Cat Robinson, 3. Gustav Scholz scored second victory of comeback campaign by stopping Manuel Correa, 5.

Bob Provizzi won a split ten from Tony Baldoni. Jackie LaBua won from Curtis Brice, 10, and stopped Walter Cartier, 3. Italo Scortichini edged out Robert Guivarch, 10.

Johnny Cunningham won split decision from Barry Allison,

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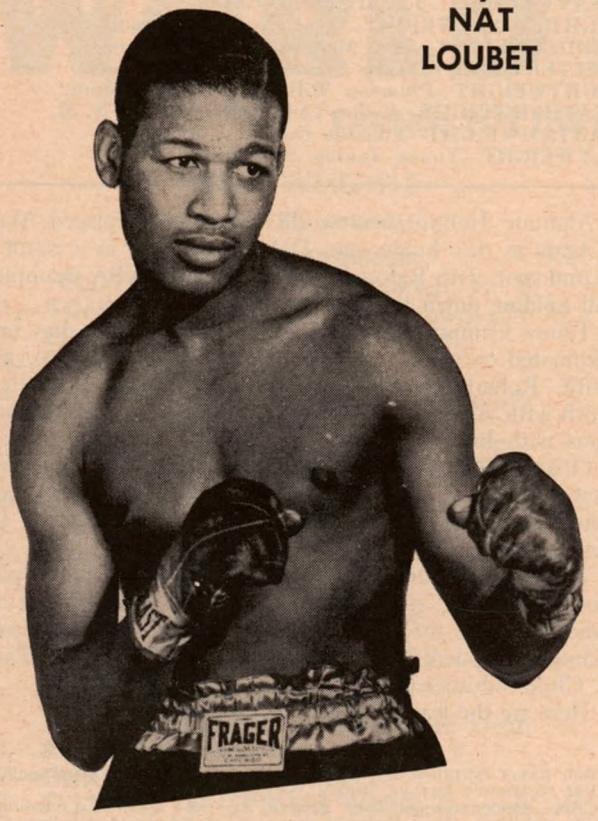


CLASH of STYLES

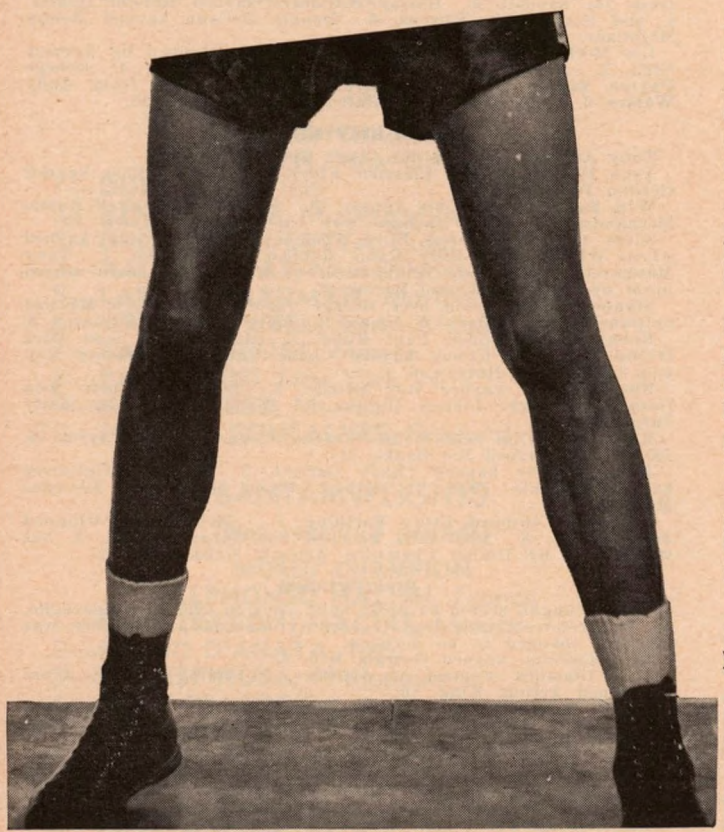
WIZARDRY in the corner can make or break a fighter. The men who crouch there in the black uncertainty of the future while their charges battle it out, are constantly analyzing the styles of "the other guy" during the fight, before the fight, and even after the fight. Styles and not records make a fight and mean the difference between the winner and the loser.

We recall some time back hearing Rocky Marciano's genii . . . the bowtie with a derby and cigar, Charley Goldman, giving forth on what makes a corner "hot" or "cold" and that means the fighter.

"You gotta use your head," began Charley, *"when you've got a guy in there with a great fighter like Robinson, the first thing you gotta do is thoroughly understand the opponent's style; how hard he punches, can he hurt your man, and what are his best punches. Then you figure out what your guy has to match this feller and you try and plan the fight. You'd better be right too,"* adds Charley.

"Let's take Robinson," continued Charley. *"He's what we call a combination puncher. He throws them in threes—socko a left hook and then pow—a fast right and another left hook. To get his power he's got to be coming into you when he throws them.*

"Since Robby is dangerous when he moves in, the idea is to keep him backing up when you figure he's getting ready to start pegging at you."



Sugar Ray Robinson, one of the greatest of all time, whose cleverness and all around ability allows him to meet all types and make a good fight with anybody.

Goldman confided—it wasn't too confidential—that was the method used in his planning of both of Marty Servo's fights with Robinson.

"We took the sting out of Robinson's style by keeping Servo low and charging in. We did pretty much the same thing when Kid Gavilan fought Robby the first time and that was a close one."

In winning the middleweight title of the world, Gene Fullmer, without Goldman in his corner, nevertheless used the same tactics. He crowded Robby and literally knocked him out from under his crown.

In all fairness, it should be stated that the Robinson defeated by Fullmer in their first fight, was not at the same peak of performance as the Robinson who met and decisioned Tommy Bell to gain the welter crown. Robby had slipped since then, but careful planning and Fullmer possessing the right style to beat Ray, had a lot to do with the results.

It is more than possible that a better boxer and more polished fighter than Fullmer might have perished where Gene thrived. Why? Fullmer is a cyclone of action and never allowed Robby a moments rest.

As a fighter goes over the hill he can't make it for three minutes of every round; he picks his spots. With a Fullmer you can't pick the spots . . . you must fight every minute. With a better boxer, you might get that big one in anytime; with a Fullmer you must get it in quick or he wears you down and if the chance comes late in the fight, you're too far over the hill and can't make it. The old stamina is no longer there and you're frustrated as you push pillow like blows at an opening only to see them land with a harmless effect. You think of the past. If only you could have seen that opening two rounds earlier, or, if the truth be known, two years earlier, there would be no smirking guy

forcing you to beg your legs to carry you the distance.

It's a tough game, boxing, asking no quarter and giving none. Age, condition and styles play the important roles as they did with Fullmer and Robinson in their encore to their first meeting at Madison Square Garden.

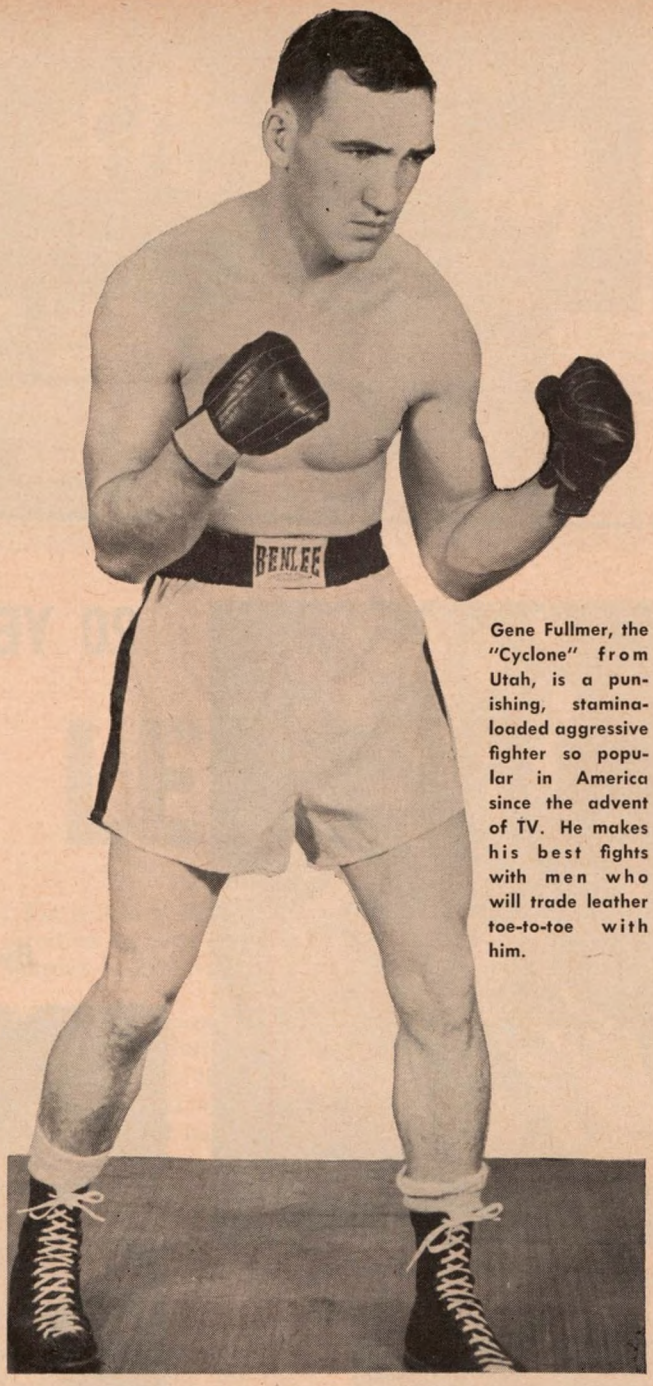
The clash of styles is usually evident whenever the big gates are visioned or "Fights To Be Remembered" are discussed.

Fullmer and Robinson are a superb example of two styles that clash. The boxer vs. the tireless gladiator. "*Fullmer,*" says Charley Rose, veteran fight manager for over fifty years, "*kinda reminds one of Henry Armstrong. Maybe not as good, but he has that tremendous energy that we always remember about Henry.*

"*Armstrong would tuck his chin in under his shoulder and walk in swinging. The guy never stopped punching. Just kept it up until the other guy wilted and lost all his steam.*"

Continuing, Charley asked: "*Recall that fight with Fritzie Zivic?*" He went right on without waiting for an answer. "*Fritzie, one of the best all-around ring smarties, met Henry each time he "took off" and stopped him cold with a flurry of his own uppercuts. He had figured out the only way to cause Armstrong trouble, and he had the equipment to do it.*"

Some years back, Zivic was in The Ring office and stated that his corner men and his own condition was what kept him in there with Armstrong.



Gene Fullmer, the "Cyclone" from Utah, is a punishing, stamina-loaded aggressive fighter so popular in America since the advent of TV. He makes his best fights with men who will trade leather toe-to-toe with him.

Robinson has always maintained that he learned more in his two fights with Zivic than he had in all the other fights he engaged in.

In their first meeting, Robinson didn't have the right plan to beat Fullmer. He tried to smother Gene's rushes and instead of fighting back he decided to wait for a chance to nail him with one solid convincer. He waited too long. By the time he got his chance late in the fight, he no longer had the old ginger. That bout had the right stuff, a crash of styles and suspense.

Robinson, in his prime, has been compared to immortals like Jim Driscoll, Benny Leonard, Abe Attell and Jimmy Wilde. This association is due to the imprint that he is leaving on boxing and the school with which he is identified.

There are no sharp divisions among types of fighters, but every fighter who sticks around gets placed by the fistic fathers into some category. There's the clouting brigade, smart boxers, eccentrics, catchers and clutchers, Fancy Dans, waltzers, the hitless wonders, and the walk-in-sock-'em-anyplace schools.

A style that Fullmer typifies has become known as the "Club Fighter," an aggressive school, which in America, has become the most popular. This tearing-in style had its share of adherents in Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast, Joe Rivers, Terry McGovern, Jackie Kid Berg, Henry Armstrong, and Mickey Walker, to mention a few.

The important point about styles is that a matchmaker must use them properly. Don't discount the wind-mill, aggressive school too quickly. Fullmer is not the first to win a world crown without finesse. Probably one of the all-time fan pleasers, Harry Greb, will be best remembered for his ceaseless efforts to keep the action moving.

Whereas, all the other types must be carefully gauged, the rough and tough ones are easiest for the matchmaker because they make a fight. Two dancing masters can smell an arena out but the no-holds-barred, slug 'em and rock 'em boys will make a good fight as long as they can catch their opponents.

A good example of difficulties in making a match is exemplified by what happened in the case of Jimmy Slattery. Slattery befuddled all of his opponents by dropping his hands to his sides and moving so fast that he made the hardest hitters and the best boxers look ridiculous. Jack Delaney, not a bad boxer in his own right, was baffled by the antics of Slattery.

Slattery was well on his way to fame when matched to fight Dave Shade. Shade had studied the style of Slattery and employed his own battle tactics. He kept up a continual bobbing and weaving. For three rounds the farce continued with Slattery becoming the baffled instead of the baffler. Then when he had been chopped down to just another guy named "Jimmy"—Dave lowered the boom and the third round saw the end of the fight. Slattery had lost his own perplexing style in attempting to solve that of Shade's.

The cases could go on ad infinitum, but the point made is that a clash of styles makes for a good fight.

Not quite so plentiful are the all-around fighters, the combination boxer-hitters who in addition to their prowess as defensive and aggressive pugilists have the added ingredients of heart and a thinking cap. In his prime, Robinson combined all these attributes and was picked by many an expert as the fighter of modern times . . . the finest fighter pound for pound in his era.

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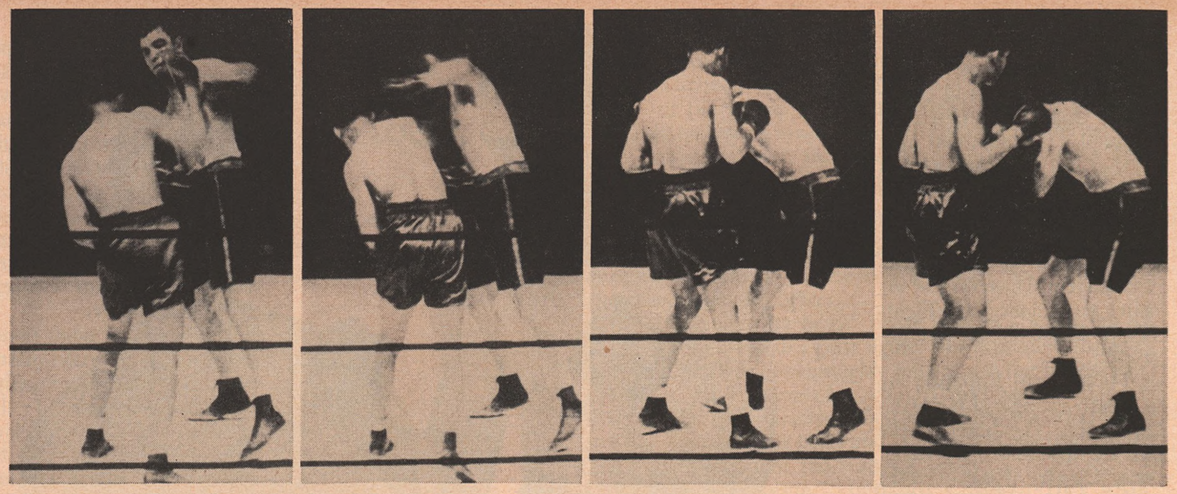


(Above) Joe Louis hung up the gloves in 1949 as the undefeated champ and announced his intention of making a name for himself in the promotional field. But Joe came back and didn't finally retire until 1951 minus his crown. (Right) Louis in 1935, prior to winning the title, was an earnest and sincere young man with destiny beckoning.

20 YEARS AGO . . .

THE

By DAN DANIEL

TWENTY years have passed since Joe Louis won the world's heavyweight championship by knocking out Jim Braddock in the eighth round, at Chicago. The exact date was June 22, 1937.

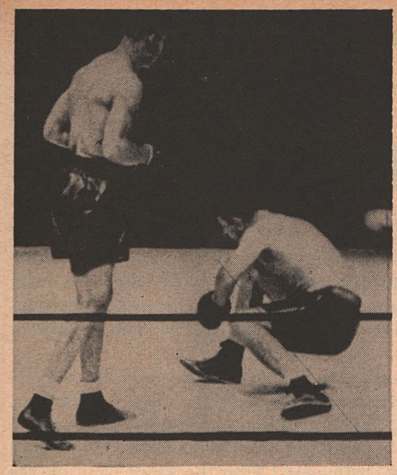
Eight years have gone into limbo since, on March 1, 1949, Joe announced his retirement, undefeated. And six years have been ripped off the calendar since Louis, who had reneged on his retirement with his losing effort against Ezzard Charles on September 27, 1950, was stopped in the eighth by Rocky Marciano. That was on October 26, 1951.

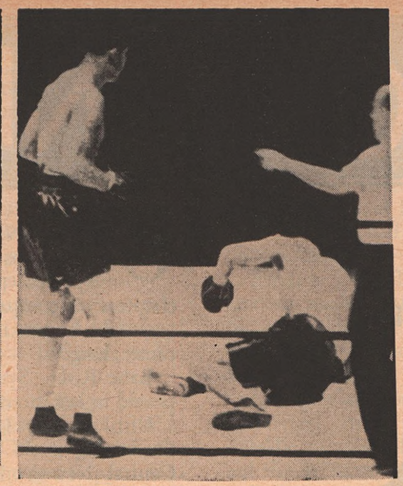
The years roll along. Now Louis is 43 years of age. The fighters over whom he clambered to the world championship have become shadowy figures. His final conqueror, Marciano, himself has retired, unbeaten.

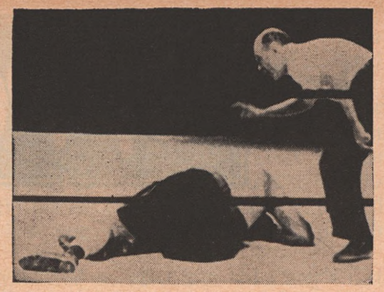
The years peel off like the leaves of an artichoke, some of them savory, some bitter, and for Joe Louis, too many of them leaving the foul taste of defeat and frustration.

Louis, who may have been the greatest champion the ring has seen, is a tragic figure. He tried wrestling, and had to quit because of heart lesions. The government is after him, unrelenting, for back taxes.

There have been campaigns to collect money for Joe. There have







The candid camera catches the knockout of James Braddock by Louis in the eighth round of their fight in 1937 which made Joe the new heavyweight champion of the world.

LOUIS LEGEND BEGAN

been efforts to induce the Income Tax people to lighten his burden. But, 20 years after his elevation to championship pinnacle, Joe Louis is a man of sorrows, a figure meriting commiseration and sympathy.

True, Joe made money and he should have given Uncle Sam his bite. We all have to pay our taxes. But he got poor handling by a tax specialist who entered the then Mrs. Louis as a manager. They got away with it one year. Then came the government's "Nay," the day of reckoning, and the beginning of Joe's big financial troubles.

The first precise and correct compilation of Joe's earnings from the ring, exhibitions, television and radio may be found in **"The Louis Legend,"** authored by Nat Fleischer, which just has come off the presses. ($2.75—*The Ring Book Shop.*)

Fleischer shows that Joe collected $4,626,721. A vast sum. A sum big enough to have taken care of taxes, of annuities, of expenses of the day and protection for the future.

But the life of a ring champion is an odd one. After a hard fight, he lies in bed and he says to himself, *"I wasn't too quick to see that lead in the sixth round. I am slipping. One of these nights it will be the windup. Even if I don't get licked, I will find myself at the end of the line. I had better give some thought to my financial future."*

But the next day the skies are blue, the birds are singing, and the black thoughts of the black night have fled. The champion walks in the sun. He is a cynosure, a figure of adulation, of fawning, of false "friendships" and a target for bites, for cheatings, for plots and connivings.

The champ has to live like the champ. His patterns are lavish, and he becomes oblivious of the certainty that the Day of Reckoning will come just as surely as it has hit almost every other titleholder.

And so, twenty years after his acquisition of the championship, Joe Louis is a man to be pitied.

Joe will resent that statement. He would like sympathy and help. But he does not want pity. And yet, what else is that feeling which Joe engenders in virtually all ring followers, and thousands of persons who know little or nothing about boxing and boxers, and the phony Paradise in which a heavyweight champion of the world lives while he is the king.

Ask Marciano. He knows. Ask him why he quit, and he will tell you that the atmosphere around a champion is loaded with toxins.

Marciano, as champion, was more fortunate than most heavyweight kings. He continued to make his home in Brockton, Mass., and to be surrounded by true friends. But he did come to know the phonies, the flatterers, the leeches and the back patters of spurious ancestry.

Ten, twelve for dinner, either in Brockton or New York, Chicago or Los Angeles. A costly retinue. Old fighters gone

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Left to right: Joe Louis, Tony Canzoneri, Nat Fleischer, Jack Blackburn (Louis' trainer) and Hall of Famer, Sam Langford. The year was 1935. Louis had just defeated Natie Brown in the first of their meetings and Mike Jacobs, New York promoter, had taken over Louis' career. It was Joe's first trip to New York and Nat Fleischer introduced Joe, making his radio debut.

OPPORTUNISTS

By JERSEY JONES

OPPORTUNITY is when and where you find it. It often pops up at unexpected moments and in unexpected places. Ring history is cluttered with chapters on comparative unknowns who become sensations overnight by making the most of the Big Chance when it came along.

Babe Risko, Syracuse middleweight, whose obituary appeared in last month's issue of The Ring, was a notable case.

Until January 1, 1935, Risko was virtually unknown to the boxing world beyond the limited confines of his own Central New York bailiwick. After he came out of the Navy, all his early fighting had been in Syracuse, Oswego, Utica, Saratoga, Binghamton and Johnson City. He had been a fairly consistent winner, but had given no indication of developing into anything more than a strong, rugged "club fighter" with a fair punch.

Toward the close of 1934, Risko began to spread his activities and made two trips to Scranton, Pa., to take six-

Charley Phil Rosenberg, who was rushed as a substitute into a bout that was supposed to "discourage" him, but instead started him on way to world bantam title.

Jim Braddock knew how to handle Opportunity. Apparently washed-up as a fighter, and eking out a precarious living with odd jobs on the Jersey waterfront, Jim grabbed at offer to earn a few dollars by boxing in a preliminary. One year later he was heavyweight champion of the world. It was this bout with Corn Griffin, pictured above, that started Braddock's sensational campaign.

round decisions from local entries Chester Palutis and Pete Suskey.

It was those two winning performances that led to the Babe's Big Chance. Scranton promoters had signed the world middleweight champion, Teddy Yarosz, for a ten-round non-title appearance on New Year's Day. Risko was suggested and promptly accepted as the opponent. The Babe didn't figure to be much more than a brisk workout for the speedy, clever, experienced Yarosz.

Risko, however, had other ideas. This was Opportunity beckoning and it was greeted by enthusiastic response.

Risko's furious opening assault caught Yarosz over-confident and careless and the champion was all but swept out of the ring. Three times Teddy was battered to the canvas in that stunning first round.

Yarosz didn't recover from that early blasting. He absorbed a systematic beating from the inspired Risko. Teddy was down twice more in the sixth. Going out for the seventh, he slipped to one knee. His manager hopped into the ring, automatically halting the carnage. Yarosz claimed to have sprained his right ankle, but there was no denying he had been soundly beaten. Risko became a new sensation.

On the strength of that startling upset, Risko howled for a title match with Yarosz. He was accommodated on September 19 of that year. The bout, scheduled for the championship distance of fifteen rounds, was held in Yarosz's home town, Pittsburgh.

Risko didn't knock Teddy out this time, but he did prove conclusively there was no accident in his Scranton victory. He dropped Yarosz three times, once in the sixth and twice in the seventh, in winning the decision and gathering unto himself the world title.

THE CASE OF WILLIE RITCHIE.

Another historic case of a fighter hopping from relative obscurity to headline status in one bout was that of Willie Ritche.

Regarded as little more than an ordinary performer in and around his native San Francisco, Willie had become something of a character with local fans. Any time an important lightweight bout was held, Ritche was a certainty to put in an appearance and challenge the winner. No one accepted his challenges seriously, but that didn't discourage Willie.

Champion Ad Wolgast and his No. 1 rival, Freddie Welsh, were booked for Uncle Tom Carey's arena in Vernon on November 30, 1911. The persistent Ritchie made the 500-mile trip down from San Francisco to toss his usual challenge at the winner. When he arrived, he learned that Wolgast had just been rushed to the hospital with appendicitis.

Ritchie promptly offered to substitute. McCarey's first reaction was to bounce the brash youngster out of the arena, but when Uncle Tom was unable to locate a more suitable replacement on such short notice, he reluctantly consented to use Willie.

Ritchie didn't beat Welsh, but he came through with a surprisingly strong showing against the shifty Britisher, and Freddie needed all his cleverness and generalship to edge out the decision in twenty rugged rounds.

By his unexpectedly fine performance, Ritchie established himself as a real title contender.

There were a couple of ironic touches to the aftermath of that bout. When Wolgast recovered and defended his laurels again, Ritchie, not Welsh, was given the coveted match. On November 28, 1912—two days less than a year after the Vernon affair—Ritchie became champion when Wolgast was disqualified for fouling in the sixteenth round in Daly City, Cal.

Then, slightly more than a year and a half later—on July 7, 1914—it was to Welsh that Ritchie lost the championship in a close twenty-rounder in London, England.

THE BRADDOCK STORY.

Probably the most celebrated case of a fighter making the most of unexpected opportunity was the one that made a "Cinderella Man" out of a presumably washed-up Jim Braddock.

Braddock's amazing tale didn't revolve around one fight. Rather, it was a series of fights—four of them—and in every

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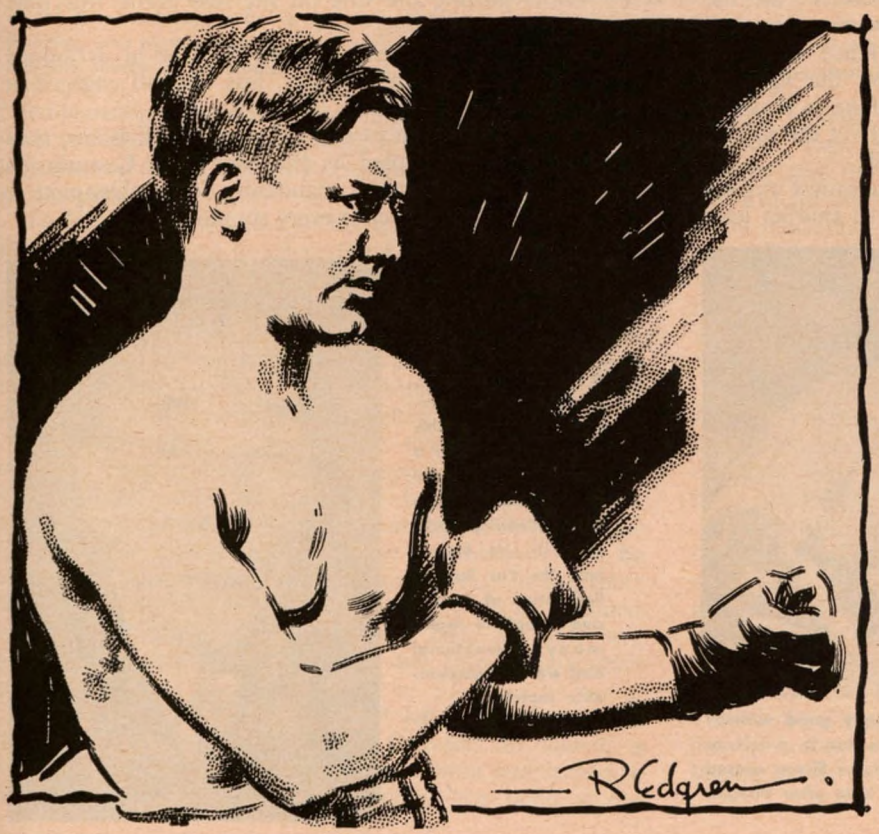
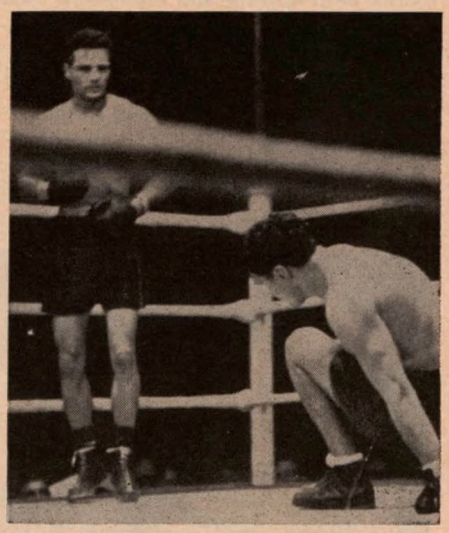




(Left)—Willie Ritchie, who refused to become discouraged, finally got his chance at the Big Time, and made good by giving heavily-favored Freddie Welsh a stubborn battle.
(Above)—Supposedly a soft touch, Babe Risko crashed headlines by scoring five knockdowns and a technical kayo over Middleweight Champion Teddy Yarosz.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Poor Decisions Arouse Public Ire; European countries in move to outlaw boxing; Catholic Church latest in attack

BOXING decisions have become a popular discussion wherever fight fans have gathered in recent weeks. One does not have to agree with the official verdict of the officials, but too frequently when the verdict doesn't meet with popular approval, the sports desks become loaded with mail demanding action against the *"culprits"*. Such was the case when many television viewers thought that Carmelo Costa had whipped Miguel Berrios in the first of the featherweight elimination bouts to find a successor to Sandy Saddler though the majority of the ringside press agreed with the verdict. Then followed the Kansas City, Mo. rhubarb in which Joey Giardello again figured in a decision feud.

One can seldom satisfy everyone who watches a boxing bout either as a ringside patron or a TV viewer, but such a fiasco as took place in Missouri is uncalled for. The official verdict gave Willie Vaughn of California the bout by a two to one margin, but due to confusion brought about by Referee Ray Sisson's failure to judge the contest according to the new rules of the NBA, the Commission, following a verbal attack by Giardello and his managers, and a threat for court action, called the affair a *"no-decision"* bout.

Granted that the referee didn't observe the Commission rules in that he used the old system of judging, the ten point split system, whereby the winner of a round obtains six or more points and the losing boxer receives the difference, even on the five points system now in us in most states, his decision favored Vaughn. Hence depriving Vaughn of a victory was unjust. He won the fight no matter under what system the judging was done in that two of three officials awarded Vaughn the verdict yet the records will list the fight as a *"no-decision"* contest.

The Missouri Boxing Commission took the easiest way out of a confused situation and Giardello received another lease of life in his aim for a title shot. The return bout is in order and perhaps this time the Commission will wisely instruct its officials under what code they are to operate.

The latest rhubarb in which Giardello was the prominent figure, is far different from the one in which the court overruled Commissioner Christenberry. In the latter case the Commission deliberately altered the point score and rounds of an official. In the latest, there was no change of rounds won made by anyone. The only change was altering the 6 to 4 points in favor of Vaughn to 5 to 4, which continued to put Giardello into the background.

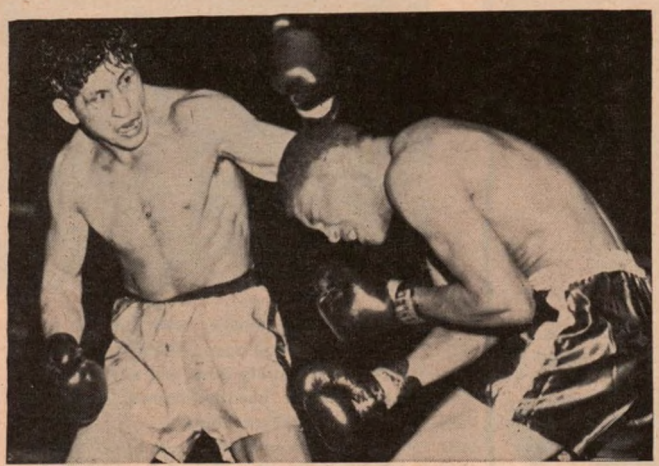
One of boxing's oldest problems, title defenses, is being solved in a manner which, though displeasing to dyed-in-the-wool fight enthusiasts who adhere to the precept that a championship can be won and lost only in the ring, seems to be in the best interests of the game. In years gone by, before the six months rule went into effect, one often refrained from engaging in a championship defense for one or more years without fear of suffering a penalty.

Jack Johnson, for example, waited exactly two years before he defended his heavyweight crown against Jim Flynn following the defeat of Jeffries in 1910. No one figured on vacating Johnson's title.

The same held true in the case of Jack Dempsey who, after his knockout of Georges Carpentier in 1921, waited two years before putting the title on the line again, this time against Tommy Gibbons.

In the four years that elapsed from the time he dethroned Johnson until he lost to Dempsey, Jess Willard engaged in only one no-decision bout.

There are many such cases in the various divisions, even following the rule adopted by the New York Commission and by N. B. A., making it mandatory for a champion to defend the title at least once every six months.



Willie Vaughn (right), ducks one after landing many good wallops on Joey Giardello. Vaughn won, but complications due to a mix-up in the use of the 10 points divisible system by Referee Sisson caused the commission to call the contest a "no decision" bout after Vaughn had been given the verdict on a split decision.

Munehide Tanabe, Commissioner of Boxing for Japan, who passed away after a long illness. He put boxing on a high scale following World War II. He organized the Far Eastern Federation of Boxing and brought to Japan many international and world championship matches.

Unfortunately politics played a big part in winking at the regulations since New York and NBA were at odds and often states within the NBA refused to go along with the mandate of the Executive Board in ruling against an inactive champion. But things have changed and if we are to regard recent developments in national and international relations in boxing as a criterion, world champions will find it difficult to ignore the above rule as has so frequently been done in the past.

The reason? The close affiliation of the New York Commission with the NBA under the present regime, and the membership of the New York Board and the NBA with the World Championship Committee whose representatives, besides Julius Helfand, New York chairman, include the president of the British Boxing Board of Control and the European Boxing Union, the French Federation, the Italian and the Oriental Federations, in agreement with the Championship Committee, now makes it possible to uphold an edict depriving a world titleholder of his crown and obtaining the universal recognition of a new champion through a world elimination. If all bodies associated with the World Championship Committee stick together and accept the verdict of that international body, a champion who flaunts the rules will find it difficult to engage in a contest anywhere in the world.

To Julius Helfand must go the credit for bringing about this change. It is an excellent thing for boxing if it can be carried out. Though The Ring Editor has always maintained that a champion cannot be deprived of his crown by the action of a commission, we must concede that long-term idleness is equivalent to retirement and under such conditions it is most unfair to keep ligitimate contenders from seeking the goal for which every fighter aims.

The six months rule is a good one, though frequently due to no fault of the champion, it is impossible to stage a title defense within that period. That is a matter that can properly be adjusted by those in whom the control of international boxing is vested. But what should and must be taken cognizance of is that champions owe it to the sport to defend their titles and if the only way it can be obtained is through punitive action, then let's have it. We owe that to those who have fought their way into a challenger's post.

But before action is taken against legitimate champions, it behooves the NBA Board of Directors to amend a wrong that has been done to Alphose Halimi and recognize him as world bantamweight titleholder, the same as the New York Commission, the California board and the European Federation has done. For political reasons, the NBA recognizes Raton Marcias as world titleholder though he is only the Mexican champion, whereas the universal titleholder before his defeat by Halimi, French-Algerian was D'Agata, who legitimately won the crown by halting Robert Cohen of France, the defender. Now that the NBA has joined hands with New York in a working agreement and with the World Commission, it should abandon its lone stand and act according to Hoyle. Cohen was shorn of his crown because he accepted D'Agata instead of Marcias as his challenger.

SEEK SOCIAL SECURITY

We've had strikes and boycotts by unions in various U. S. industries but the boycott of Chilean boxers on a nationwide scale against the Chilean Federation which rules the sport in that country is the first of its kind registered anywhere in the field of pugilism. Although Chile has no guild such as attempted to dictate unsuccessfully to the American Commissions, its national boxers and managers revolted against the small scale of pay. They demanded not only larger purses for the preliminary boys, but social security and the organization of free medical clinics such as all of the commissions in other countries have.

Good start for a trophy room. In the above, Gene Fullmer, world middleweight king, is shown showered with gifts at a party tossed in his honor by the Kennecott Copper Co. in Salt Lake City, Utah. Left to right—Nat Fleischer who presented Gene with his championship belt; Hardy K. Downing, who started Jack Dempsey on his career in Utah; L. F. Pett, general manager of the Kennecott Company; Gene holding the belt; Nelson Aldridge, master of ceremonies and Rex Layne, holding copper plated glove. Governor George Clyde was chief speaker.

In retaliation, the Chilean Federation, a government-controlled body, suspended the licenses of all professional boxers, temporarily halting the sport in the country. The Federation officials, backed by the government, declared it would not consider the demands until the boxers abided by the regulations of the Federation.

It is the only country where the demand for social security has been made by professional boxers. Their success may open the way for professionals in our country and elsewhere to gain the benefits that are granted to workers in all other professions.

What the Chilean professional boxers fought for is something which should have been adopted in the United States many years ago. The life of a pro fighter is short. He usually gives all he has to gain his objective—a high ranking—and invariably quits when he is still in the prime of life so far as age is concerned but often with nowhere to go thereafter to make an honest living.

Even State compensation for injuries received in *"line of duty"*, is refused him under the law which doesn't recognize boxing in the same category as other work. Yet the State

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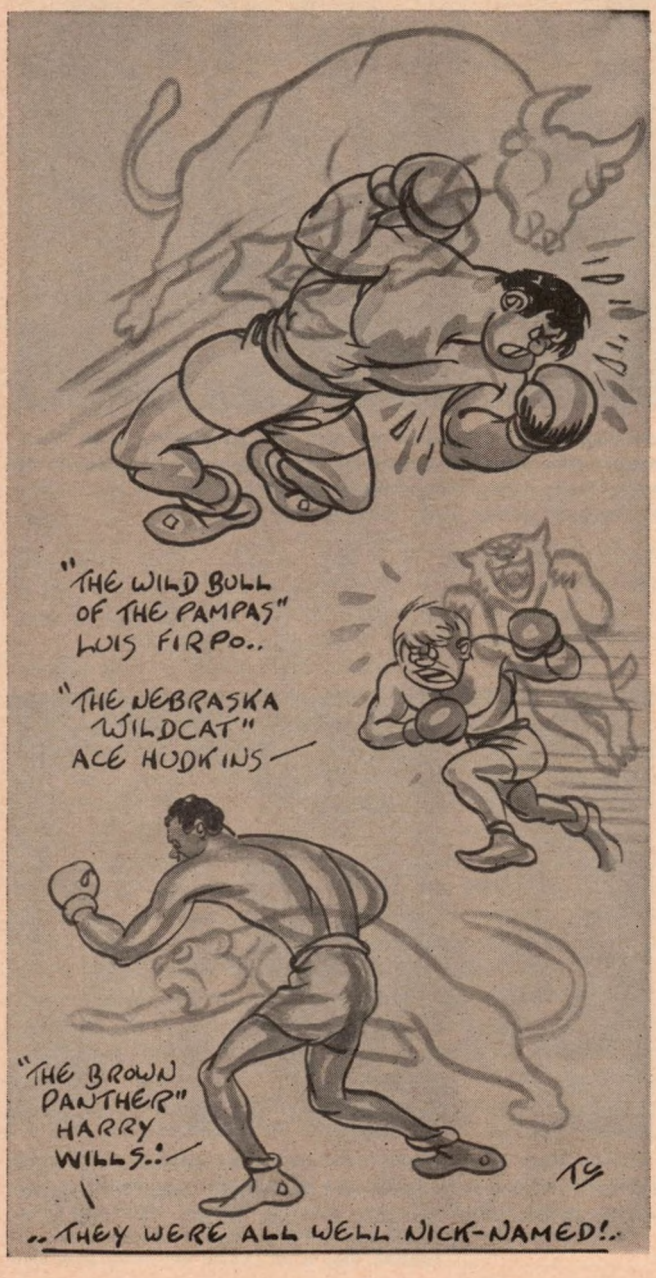
KNACK FOR NICKNAMING

Jennings, Runyon, Igoe Excel at Taglining

By TED CARROLL



A FEW months ago columnist Bill Corum of the N. Y. Journal-American decided that the time had come to give current heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, a nickname. Major Bill asked his readers for suggestions and after all the returns were in, who should bob up as the winner of the naming contest, but ex-lightweight king, Ike Williams, whose brainchild **"The Young Master"** struck Mr. Corum's fancy. To say that the name of Floyd Patterson has now become synonymous with Ike's selection, would be a little less than accurate. In fact, it is understood that Mr. Corum is still in the market for a nickname for Patterson that will stick.

Nicknames are funny things, they are as much a part of boxing as the gloves or the ring. They date back to bare-knuckle times when such identifications as "The Benecia Boy" and the **"Tipton Slasher"** were applied to ancient battlers. Why some nicknames gain such rapid popular favor, leaving an indelible imprint, has always been most intriguing.

Why, for example, should his fellow townsmen in Cincinnati call former world heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles, **"Snocks"?**

Who first tagged Ray Robinson, **"Sugar Ray"?** A nickname of such fame it has been translated into the French "le sucre" and anglicized into "His Sugarship" in Merrie England.

Who first referred to Joe Louis as the **"Brown Bomber"?** And what would be wrong with referring to the agile, atomic age, Patterson as the **"Jet Bomber"?**

The late Damon Runyon, who had a flair for that sort of thing, is generally credited with coining the cognomen **"Manassa Mauler"** in describing Jack Dempsey. The tagline **"Toy Bulldog"** he hung upon Mickey Walker, still brings a glow of satisfaction to ailing Francis Albertanti, in the dreary confines of his hospital room. Jim Jennings of the N. Y. Mirror is usually given the call as having first tabbed Rocky Marciano **"The Brockton Blockbuster"** although there are other claimants.

No fighter was ever more aptly nicknamed than old Ace Hudkins, **"The Nebraska Wildcat"** of the Roaring Twenties. This colorful appellation perfactly described the clawing, cantankerous, wild and wooly westerner.

Although a native of Schenectady, N. Y. which is a long way from Fargo, North Dakota, Billy Petrolle became famous as the **"Fargo Express."**

A half century ago **"Brooklyn Tommy"** Sullivan belied his nickname by hailing from St. Louis, Mo.

Old George Godfrey came from way down in Georgia, but because his manager, Jim Dougherty was nationally known as the **"Baron of Leipersville, Pa.,"** Godfrey automatically became the **"Dark Shadow of Leiperville."**

In his younger days, old Harry Wills had not only the coloration, but the sleek movements and lithe, powerful physique of a jungle cat. So it was as **"The Brown Panther of New Orleans"** that he became known to a generation of fight fans.

It was inevitable that massive, charging Luis Angel Firpo would be called **"The Wild Bull of the Pampas."** The late Hype Igoe is said to have been the first to note the resemblance, and so describe the shaggy-haired Argentinian.

To Sid Terris, old time lightweight star, go the alliterative honors. Sid was known as the **"Galloping Ghost of the Ghetto."** His great rival for neighborhood affections, Ruby Goldstein, was the **"Ghetto Jewel."**

The late great, cartoonist-writer T. A. "Tad" Dorgan, dubbed Joe Gans **"The Old Master"** more than fifty years ago. Tad also called big Jack Johnson **"Lil' Artha"** after the ex-heavy king's middle name, and this proved popular for a long time.

There have been two "phantoms" of great reputation, the late Mike Gibbons **"The St. Paul Phantom"** and Tommy Loughran **"The Phantom of Philly."**

Being of Jewish parentage and a native of New York's East Side didn't prevent old time featherweight Benny Valgar from being called "**The French Flash**" thirty-five years ago.

For many years, Young Stribling was known as the "**Georgia Schoolboy**" until Jim Jennings, who also has a knack for nicknaming, sadly observing Strib's safety-first tactics in a fight with Paul Berlenbach, called him "**Willie-the-Clutch.**" Unfortunately for him, this phrase soon supplanted Stribling's earlier nickname.

In the later part of the 19th century, such appellations, as "**The Boston Strong Boy**" for John L. Sullivan, "**Gentleman Jim**" for James J. Corbett, and "**Terrible Terry**" for Terry M'Govern, were household words.

George Dixon was widely known as "**Little Chocolate**" although his complexion was more cafe-au-lait in tintage. The name "Gentleman Jim" fitted Corbett's general appearance and dress, but was hardly consistent with the bitter feuds the clever Californian carried on with his rivals.

One of the unsolved mysteries of the boxing game has been the immunity of some fistic greats to "nom-de-guerres." The late, great Benny Leonard was always just plain Benny Leonard, Gene Tunney, Barney Ross, and Tony Canzoneri were others in the same boat. Willie Pep was occasionally called "**Willie the Wisp**" but never consistently or universally.

Although they were among the most famous in boxing, such nicknames as the "**Scotch Wop**" for Johnny Dundee—and the "**Boston Tar Baby**" for Sam Langford are no longer socially acceptable or even printable in many quarters.

The late great columnist W. O. M'Geehan, tagged eccentric Battling Siki "**The Singular Senegalese.**" A long time ago columnist Joe Williams called Maxie Rosenbloom the "**Harlem Harlequin**" but this artistic designation soon deteriorated into the more familiar "**Slapsie Maxie**"—another Jennings contribution to the boxing glossary.

Not all the identifications which attach themselves to fighters can be called complimentary, "Willie-the-Clutch" certainly wasn't, and sensitive Tommy Loughran was keenly hurt when M'Geehan took to tagging him "**Tanglefoot Tommy**" years ago, the descriptive "**Brooklyn Billygoat**" does not make Paddy De Marco happy, and ex-heavyweight champ Boston Jack Sharkey, reserved his sternest stares for writers who called him the "**Gabby Gob.**"

Although he's now flirting with the half century mark, Jimmy McLarnin is still "**Baby Face**" when he is recognized by old admirers or makes a public appearance.

He antedated the atomic age, but the great British flyweight, Jimmy Wilde, was tagged "**England's Mighty Atom**" by a prophetic admirer years ago.

Old time Negro boxers really went in for fancy nomenclature, quite often giving themselves these odd sounding nicknames. Such fantastic titles as "**The Harlem Coffee Cooler**" (Frank Craig), "**The Trenton Tea Warmer**" (George Cole), "**Kentucky Rosebud**" (Walter Edgerton), "**Birdlegs**" Collins, "**Klondike**" and "**Steamboat Bill**" Scott were typical of the names in which the boys took great pride.

There are two prominent "assassins" in the Ring Record Book, Stanley Ketchel "**The Michigan Assassin**" and the "**Astoria Assassin**" of the Twenties, Paul Berlenbach.

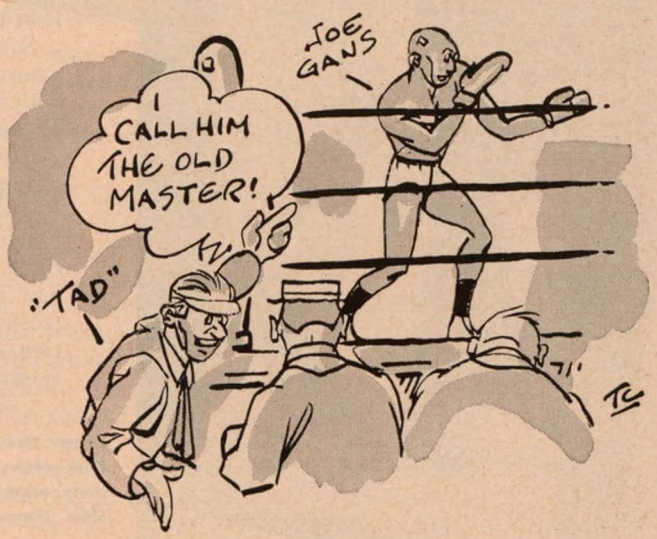
Maxie Baer had so many nicknames "**Livermore Larruper,**" "**Madcap Maxie**" etc., none of them really took hold. The same thing goes for Primo Carnera who was called "**Da Preem**" "**The Ambling Alp**", among many of them occurring to imaginative writers of the time.

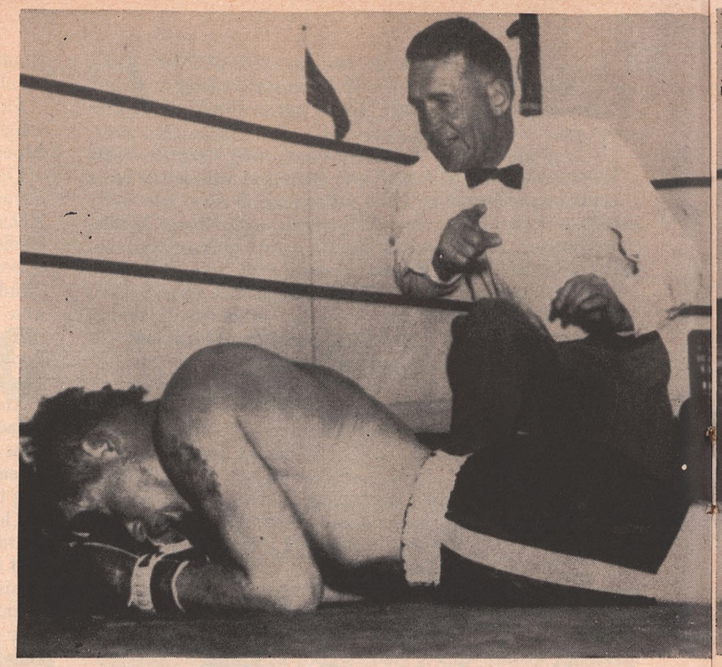
The fragile appearance of good looking Georges Carpentier so impressed an observer of years ago, and the contrast between "**Gorgeous Georges**" and the rugged ringmen of his time was so pronounced, that this writer likened the Frenchman to an orchid in a thorny thicket. From that time on, Georges Carpentier was known as "**The Orchid Man.**"

The coal black hair and beetling brows of Max Schmeling, caused U. S. scribes to stamp him "**The Black Uhlan**" when he first showed up in the States.

Nicknaming tendencies among the fourth estate to-day, are but a shadow of what they were in the more romantic unsophisticated early years of this century, but it is a custom which will never entirely disappear. Few fight fans know or care that Tommy is the real first name of "**Hurricane**" **Jackson.** Teddy Brenner, promoter of the New York Sporting Club tagged Tommy with that one. With the exception of "**Sugar Ray**" this is the most widely recognized nickname in the ring today. Yama Bahama is a name worthy of inclusion among the most fantastic of all times, as is that of "**Tombstone**" Smith, west coast fighter. "**Cyclone**" is becoming more and more a part of Gene Fullmer's identification, another Brenner brainstorm, and the catchy "**Shasta Blaster**" tacked on Eddie Machen by Nat Loubet, managing editor of the Ring.

Boxing is a colorful business, and with that in mind, the more nicknames the merrier.





Former junior welterweight champion Mushy Callahan, now one of California's leading referees, counts out Bobo Olson in fourth round of return match with Ray Robinson in Los Angeles.

One-time outstanding contender for light-heavyweight title, Jimmy Webb, (left) has become a popular and capable referee in his home state of Texas.
Petey Sarron, former featherweight champion, (right) is assigned to referee many of the important fights staged in and around the Miami area in Florida.

THE THIRD MAN THEME

By AL BUCK

THAT referee! Boo ya jerk. He shouldn't have stopped it! The bum, he got my fighter beat.

Why be a referee? It is a thankless job. Nobody knows his identity until just before the main event gets underway. At least nobody is supposed to know except the commissioner who appoints him, and if the referee performs his duty well, nobody ever knows he is in the arena. Too often he is used as an alibi by a beaten boxer.

Sometimes the referee is a target for a shower of paper cups, programs and over-ripe fruit thrown by thoughtless and angry fans, as with Harry Ebbets because he stopped a bout in which one fighter was obviously outclassed.

Yet the job has an appeal. It attracts former boxers, especially ex-champions.

Twist a dial any night and you may see Petey Sarron, ex-featherweight champion, refereeing a bout in Miami, or perhaps you will catch Fred Apostoli, ex-middleweight king, doing the same thing in San Francisco. Ben Jeby, another ex-middleweight champion, is a recent addition to the staff of the New York State Athletic Commission. Petey Scalzo, also a former featherweight titleholder, is a veteran third man in the ring.

Arthur Donovan, one of most capable of New York referees, was well versed in boxing through early teachings of famous father, "Professor" Mike Donovan, and his own ring experience.

Other former fighters now refereeing include: Marty Gallagher, heavyweight, Washington, D. C., Johnny Colon, light heavyweight, New York, Jimmy Webb, light heavyweight, Texas, Mushy Callahan, welterweight, California, Ray Luna, lightweight, California, George Latka, lightweight, California, Vic Patrick, lightweight, Australia, Abe Simon, heavyweight, New York, Buck McTieran, heavyweight, Penna., Kid Chocolate, featherweight, Cuba (Amateur), Lou Handler, middleweight, Michigan, Lou Scozza, light heavyweight, New York.

All the ex-heavyweight champions from James J. Jeffries to Rocky Marciano have worked as referees. Even Gene Tunney is not an exception. He refereed an international Golden Gloves tournament at a New York ball park some years ago.

Jack Dempsey is top man, as usual, among former champions who referee. The $5,000 plus expenses he received for handling the Ceferino Garcia-Glen Lee middleweight title fight at Manila in the distant Philippines on December 23, 1939 was the largest ever paid a referee.

At this point it may be interesting to note the scale of pay referees receive. In New York it ranges from $25 to $100 depending on the gate. If the gate is $100,001 or over, the price to be paid the referee is set by the Commission.

Jeffries seems to have started it when on his retirement as heavyweight champion in 1905 he named Marvin Hart and Jack Root to fight for the vacant throne. Jeff refereed the bout, won in the 12th round by Hart, and proclaimed the winner world champion. This didn't take, but a year later Jeffries was again the referee when Tommy Burns outpointed Hart and claimed the title. He also refereed the Burns-Philadelphia Jack O'Brien 20-round draw.

One of most popular local fighters in Washington, D. C., ex-heavyweight Marty Gallagher, is now the District's leading referee. Here he is seen officiating in Baby Vasquez-Jimmy Soo bout.

Dempsey never handled a heavyweight title fight, but he came in for his share of abuse when he refereed the third in the Barney Ross-Jimmy McLarnin series. Ross regained the welterweight title on Jack's vote, and Pop Foster, McLarnin's manager, was quick to blame him for Jimmy's defeat. The Manassa Mauler scored too many even rounds Pop charged as did Dempsey when he listed seven rounds even in the Rex Layne-Charles bout.

James J. Braddock, another ex-heavyweight champion, refereed the Archie Moore-Nino Valdez battle at Las Vegas. When the 15 rounds were over Jimmy raised Ancient

Archie's hand. Valdes fell on his knees and pounded the canvas with both hands. Bobby Gleason, the Cuban's manager, charged grand larceny, although from any working press pew it was clear Moore had outpointed Valdes.

Fighters who turned to refereeing in the past included a star cast in other than the heavyweight class.

Young Otto, lightweight, from New York, Joe Jeannette, a heavyweight, of New Jersey, George Barton, featherweight, Minnesota, Leo Houck, middleweight, Penna., Kid McPartland, featherweight, New York, and Patsy Haley, a featherweight from New York.

Georges Carpentier, a recent visitor to America, was discussing what makes a fighter great. The Frenchman's viewpoint eliminated both Dempsey and Joe Louis as the greatest. They were punchers mainly. He eliminated Harry Greb because, he said, Greb couldn't punch.

"The greatest fighter I ever saw was Benny Leonard," said Carpentier. *"He was a master boxer, but he could also take an opponent out with a punch."*

Leonard, perhaps the greatest of them all, met a tragic end, not as a fighter, but as a referee. He died in the ring on a hot night in the smoke filled St. Nicholas Arena.

Benny had just finished refereeing the main bout between Eddie Giosa and Julio Jiminez. One bout was to follow, a meaningless four rounder between Mario Ramon and Bobby Williams. Leonard removed his tie, took a handkerchief out of his pocket, to wipe the perspiration from his eyes. The gong sounded, the fight was on, and suddenly Leonard collapsed.

Death came in a matter of minutes to one of the ring's great champions. Leonard's last fee—call it a purse—was only $50.

Few will remember, but Carpentier was no novice to world heavyweight championship bouts when he faced Dempsey at Boyle's Thirty Acres. He had been in there before, not as a challenger, but as a referee. Carpentier refereed the Jack Johnson-Frank Moran heavyweight title battle in his native Paris. At the end of 20 rounds he awarded the decision to Johnson.

Carpentier also refereed the Johnson-Andre Spaul bout in Paris, won in two rounds by Johnson.

Gunboat Smith was another top heavyweight who became a referee. He cast the deciding vote giving Jack Sharkey the decision over Max Schmeling, and making the Boston Gob heavyweight champion. At this point Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, shouted over the radio *"We Wuz Robbed."* For exercising his good judgment, or lack of it, Gunboat was exiled to refereeing wrestling matches.

As a fighter, Ruby Goldstein never realized his great potential. Talented though he was, he was always getting hit on the chin—by Ace Hudkins, Sid Terris and Jimmy McLarnin. He never won a big one, and it is easy to dismiss Goldstein, the fighter, with the words:—*"He couldn't take it."* Only they don't tell the entire story.

Goldstein is today recognized as an outstanding referee. His chin may be made of china, but as the man-in-the-middle, Ruby has had the courage to call 'em as he saw 'em.

He didn't become a first-flight referee by just getting a license. It took World War II to develop Ruby's talent as an official.

The first time I saw him referee was in Fort Hamilton. Joe Louis was boxing an exhibition with George Nicholson, his durable sparring partner of long standing. This was in 1942 and Joe, George and Ruby were all in the Army.

Before Louis and Goldstein received their discharges at the end of the war, Special Service sent them to Alaska, where Joe boxed and Ruby refereed for the entertainment of their fellow soldiers. It was this tour that later put Goldstein on the spot.

The first Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott bout was one of the most dramatic and controversial battles ever fought for the world heavyweight championship. Goldstein was the referee. There were objections to his working, due to his Army friendship with Louis, but Col. Eddie Eagan, then chairman of the New York Commission, named him.

Walcott dropped Louis in the first and fourth rounds. When the fight was over Louis, conceding defeat, slipped through the ropes, and had to be pulled back to hear the decision. Te verdict was split, the judges voting for Louis, who retained the championship.

But Goldstein, supposed to be **"Louis' referee"** scored for Walcott, 7-6-2. Ruby called it as he saw it, and in the minds of the assembled boxing experts he was right.

Three times Goldstein had tangled with Sugar Ray Robinson, and all but once he managed to go the distance. Robinson's charge that Ruby permitted Gene Fullmer to use the rabbit punch in their Madison Square Garden fight can be dismissed as an alibi by a beaten fighter. Sugar Ray's managers never made good on their threat to take the case to the New York Commission.

Going back to 1951 it was Goldstein who called a halt

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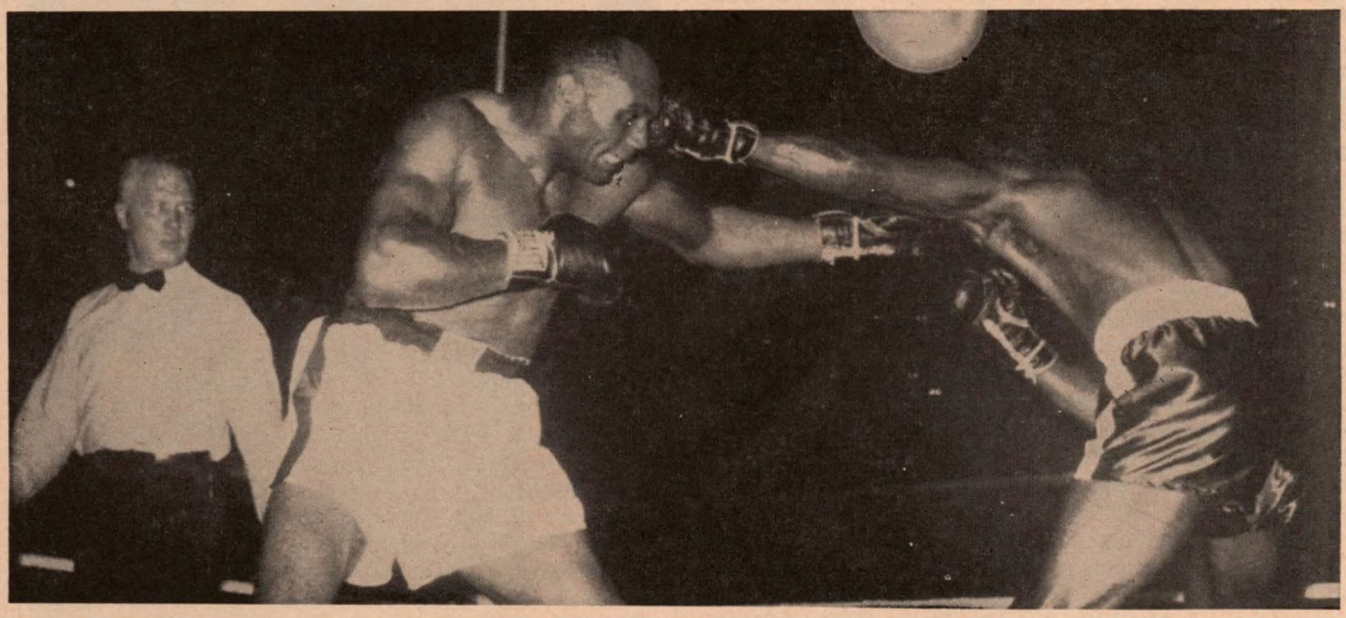

Buck McTiernan, another popular local ex-fighter turned referee, was third man in Pittsburgh ring when Jersey Joe Walcott scored stunning knockout over Ezzard Charles for world heavyweight title. Since quitting the ring, both Walcott and Charles have done considerable refereeing themselves.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

(Upper right)—Circus performers before they became active in boxing, two generations of Stribling clan start training a third in acrobatics. This 1928 camera shot shows "Pa" tossing 13-months-old grandson to his daddy, W. L. (Young) Stribling, in front of airplane just purchased by the fighter.

(Above)—Realizing that a little "push" can go a long way in life, and that "flattening" opposition is an admirable trait in an aspiring boxer, Johnny Kilbane tries his hand with ponderous ground-roller while training for featherweight tourney in Los Angeles in 1912. It must have been good practice. Kilbane won eliminations, then beat Abe Attell for title.

Another gathering of a clan is this family get-together of the Terris tribe in New York in 1924. Sid, then the reigning sensation of the lightweight class, is seen with his mother, sister Stella and brothers Dan and Sam.

TV and BOXING

By JOHNNY SALAK

JIM NORRIS and the I. B. C. on March 19 solidified their hold on boxing with another two year contract, starting June 1, to promote Wednesday Night Fights for the American Broadcasting Company, over a network of 109 stations.

The deal announced jointly by Norris and Oliver Treyz, ABC vice-president, represents a two-year total cost of between $8,500,000 and $9,000,000 for talent, time and line charges, and other production expenses. The I. B. C., as in the past, will receive $18,500 weekly for its fight, and the fighters, said Norris, will continue to receive $4,000 each from the TV revenue exclusive of their percentages of the gate receipts.

The Wednesday Night TV Fights, a wandering show originating in different cities coast to coast, has been on the air continuously since September, 1950, first on the CBS network and since June 1, 1955, on ABC.

Two important changes are involved in the new contract. ABC is now the contractual partner of the I. B. C. where formerly the Pabst Co., the sponsor, bought the TV rights to the fights. Pabst has pulled out of boxing completely and the Mennen Co., co-sponsor for the last year, announced it will continue to co-sponsor the Wednesday Night Fights under a yearly contract renewed on June 1.

Miles Laboratories, Inc., of Elkhart, Ind., replaced the brewing company, signing a 52-week contract effective with the June 5 fight as a co-sponsor. Their products include One-A-Day vitamin tablets and Alka-Seltzer, the latter seeming appropriate if the viewers followed Bill the Bartender's smiling advice for so many years.

The second important change saw Lester Malitz, the producer of the fight show for Pabst's advertising agency, resign his agency connections and go into business as an independent producer. He is a third party to the new two-year contract.

This became the second two-year contract for TV boxing which Norris signed within a month. On Feb. 27, the promoter renewed his contract with Gillette Co., sponsor for the Friday night fights on the NBC network of 178 stations, for two years starting June 1. Under this contract the I. B. C. receives $24,500 weekly, the fighters each getting the same sum, $4,000, as on the Wednesday fights.

The two deals total about $19,000,000, with the I. B. C. picking up $43,000 weekly, handing over $16,000 to the fighters and holding on to $27,000. These figures indicate that over a two-year period for the two shows the I. B. C. picks up $2,808,000. In the light of this, gate receipts seem totally unimportant.

TV BOXING

MONDAY

ST. NICHOLAS ARENA, New York (DuMont TV Network), Chris Schenkel, Announcer.

WEDNESDAY

*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS, emanating from various cities (ABC-TV Network), Jack Drees, Announcer.

THURSDAY

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, Los Angeles (KTLA-TV), Cal Whorton, Announcer.

FRIDAY

‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS, Madison Square Garden, New York, and other cities (NBC-TV Network), Jimmy Powers, Announcer.

SATURDAY

LEGION STADIUM, Hollywood (KHJ-TV), Bob Kelly and Jim Healey, Announcers.

* Also heard over ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, Announcers.

‡ Also heard over ABC Radio Network, Steve Ellis, Announcer.

PROVIDENCE AND THE I. B. C.

Providence and the I. B. C. saw to it that a nationally televised fight emanated from the city of the same name in Rhode Island on April 24 when New England featherweight champion Harold Gomes opposed Chicago's Bobby Rogers. The bout was beamed from the Metropolitan Theatre, Providence, on the ABC-TV Network.

The Wednesday Night Fights, except in the case of championship matches, are not televised in Providence itself but there was no blackout for this fight and Manny Almeida, co-promoter with the I. B. C., said there would be none on any future televised bouts held there, if they are carried by a local station.

The I. B. C. had been trying for three or four years to give Almeida, one of the few promoters in the nation to continue despite heavy losses and growing scarcity of talent, televised fights. Transmission problems, now cleared, were holding back Providence.

Considerable expense by the I. B. C. was involved in setting up technical arrangements for the first televised fight in that city. "I appreciate what the I. B. C. has done and is doing," Almeida said. "It has recognized Providence as an outstanding boxing city for some time and is aware of the role this city has played in the development of the sport over the years."

The I. B. C. first considered televising bouts in Providence in the late 1940's, when this city was one of the key fight towns in the nation. That was when such up-and-coming fighters as Rocky Marciano and Georgie Araujo and the

popular veteran Ralph Zannelli were fighting there and drawing large gates.

Since then, the sport has gradually declined in Providence, as it did in other cities throughout the nation. Marciano outgrew the city, Araujo lost rank after his unsuccessful bid for the lightweight title and the years caught up with Zannelli. Their passing hit the sport hard in Providence and it still hasn't recovered.

It is almost certain that more TV shows will follow in that city, though they will be widely spaced because of the I. B. C.'s commitments elsewhere. Almeida said the TV fights could be the start of a boxing revival in Providence.

"Once we get recognition as a TV fight city," he said, "the more prominent boxers will want to appear here. At least, that is the way I hope it will turn out."

Amen.

OH MY ACHING BACK!

Television is being blamed for a lot of aching backs, belonging to other than fighters, according to Dr. L. Maxwell Lockie, president of the American Rheumatism Association.

"Television is bringing patients to me," said Dr. Lockie. "I have no criticism of television, but people move their old chairs and their old davenports into the television room, and it has brought many backaches to me. I just remind them that they should sit up straight—no lounging.

"And then we were talking about these new pieces of furniture so you can lie down and watch television without even lifting your head. I don't know what could be lazier than that."

Which reminded us, for some strange reason, of the findings passed along at the 81st annual convention of the United States Brewers Foundation. A survey disclosed that more than half of all beer taken into the home is consumed while guests or friends are present, and that 46 per cent of the beer used at home is consumed by television viewers.

We noted this as we got our aching back off the old davenport between rounds of a televised fight and while one of the last beer commercials was being presented and poured ourselves another commerc—oops, beer. Remembering we had guests, we kicked our friend who was slouching in the old chair and told him to stop lounging and sit up straight and pour his own beer. Standard house rules, you know.

BASEBALL IN AND ON THE AIR

Organized baseball, with only the Milwaukee Braves and the Kansas City A's out of the TV picture, will collect a record $9,300,000 this year for the rights to broadcast and telecast major league games.

Billy Graham, popular former New York welterweight contender, did some accurate scoring on the television quiz show "Name That Tune" on which he appeared as a contestant recently.

This represents an increase of 50 per cent, or $3,100,000 over 1956.

A survey by the magazine Television Age in its March 25 issue revealed that the Brooklyn Dodgers would televise more games than any other team, a total of 102, all 77 home games and 25 on the road. The Dodgers and the New York Yankees will collect the biggest financial chunk, $750,000 each for their TV and radio rights.

THE MOST HAPPY FELLAS

Some recent fights the promoters are very happy you did not see on TV: Dupas-Martinez, New Orleans ($41,200); Moreno-Annaloro, San Francisco ($23,145); DeMarco-Boardman, Boston ($61,990); Anahuac-Peacock, Hollywood ($24,367); Del Flanagan-Fuentes, St. Paul ($27,478); Perez-Dower, Buenos Aires ($64,800).

In addition, the Alphonse Halimi-Mario D'Agata world bantamweight title bout in Paris, France which just missed doing $100,000 worth of business, was televised at the last moment in the public's interest only after they had sold out.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . As of February 11 fights from the Salt Lake City Coliseum on Monday nights every two weeks are being televised locally.

Nate Halpern, head of Theatre Network Television, has over 200 movie houses and drive-in theatres lined up and may walk off with the Floyd Patterson-Hurricane Jackson heavyweight title match, doubling also as promoter of the bout since the I.B.C., at this time, must follow a "Hands-Off" policy toward world championship matches.

The Gene Fullmer-Ray Robinson world middleweight title match at Chicago Stadium on May 1 carried a 200-mile radius TV blackout, where usually only a 100-mile limit is insisted upon . . . the fight also carried a neat $100,000 TV-radio price tag.

Billy Graham, former New York welterweight contender, did some accurate scoring on the television quiz show "Name That Tune" and walked off with a bundle of bills . . . while another Billy Graham, the evangelist, shoves boxing and all other events out of the Garden in the middle of May and through June, with an option to remain all summer if he feels his revival meetings and the sins of New York warrant.

CLASH OF STYLES

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There are styles that are hard to match. The ring harlequins, with Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom . . . the punchless wonder and another clown prince Maxie Baer with the big right hand when it was necessary. Baer was easy to find the right style for, but Rosenbloom left many a fan exasperated. Among the clutching fraternity there comes to mind Sammy Angott and Young Stribling and the catchers . . . Joe Grim, Soakem Yoaken, and more recently, Ernie Durando, Jimmy Flood et al.

Any one for dancing? Young Ahearn could have obliged . . . one of the best of the dancing masters, or Packy McFarland who would jab, uppercut and tantalize an opponent dizzy.

The whirling dervish, Jimmy Slattery, with his hands at his sides, later emulated by Bushy Graham and still later by Lee Oma in his more bored moments. In proper tradition, Tommy Hurricane Jackson finds his niche among the glamorous, if not too skillful. He, like Battling Siki, could conceivably be considered "different."

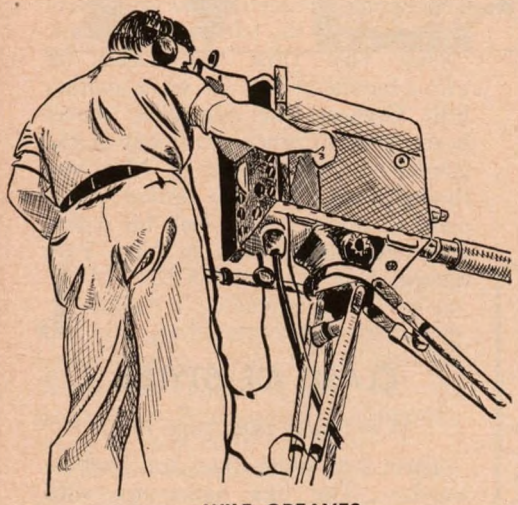
Despite the known style of any fighter, it is up to his manager, trainer and corner men to solve the attack of their man's opponent and develop their man's attack.

A good matchmaker is fairly adept at figuring each camp's modus operandi and attempts to visualize the results of all the strategy and counter strategy.

Robinson vs. Fullmer is a matchmaker's dream. In their first meeting the clash of styles made a terriffic contest. Fullmer's camp did the better planning and Robinson lacked the gas to back up the brain work of his board of strategy. As we go to press, they meet again and despite all the plans in the world, the ring has a way of proving the old adage that the plans of mice and men oft go a'glee. But the clash of styles will always go on.

SEEN ON TV

By LEW ESKIN



WILF GREAVES

ALTHOUGH he has failed to notch a victory in his three starts before the TV cameras, rough, tough young Wilf (Wilfred) Greaves of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been making friends with his crowd pleasing style.

Wilf who was born twenty-one years ago in Edmonton, Alta., Canada, has been punching for pay less than two years, yet has moved quickly up the fistic ladder turning in 12 wins in 19 starts, half of these by the short route.

After winning only one of four bouts in 1955, he found his stride last year and rolled up eight straight wins before losing a close split-decision to high ranking Ralph Jones in his TV debut.

Since then, he has split even in six starts, scoring three kayos and dropping three decisions to Italo Scortichini, world middleweight king, Gene Fullmer and in his last TV start, in which he stepped in with three days notice as a substitute against third-ranked Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, he made a remarkable fight, giving Webb plenty of trouble until he tired in the closing rounds and lost.

Wilf, who is managed by Sage Jake Mintz who guided Ezzard Charles to the heavyweight crown, was an all-around athlete in Canada where he played on the high school soccer and football teams. He also is an outstanding tennis player and amateur wrestler and boxer. As an amateur boxer, Wilf won 25 of 29 bouts and captured the Canadian welterweight championship in 1955.

When Jake was in Canada with Charles for the Vern Escoe fight, he saw Wilf working out in the Gym and was so impressed, that he took him under his wings and brought him to Pittsburgh. To date Wilf has lived up to his early promise. He looks good win or lose, and gives the fans a run for their money.

He has defeated Ernie Smith, Al Andrews, Jimmy Perrault, Johnny Eubanks, and Alan Kennedy among others.

ZORA FOLLEY

A picture boxer who's style is a throw-back to the classic English, is 26 year old Zora Folley of Chandler, Arizona. Zora, who is ranked by The Ring, is a good heavyweight. He uses a straight, stand-up stance. He has been impressive, winning all three of his TV bouts, to date, two over Wayne Bethea and the other from Howie Turner.

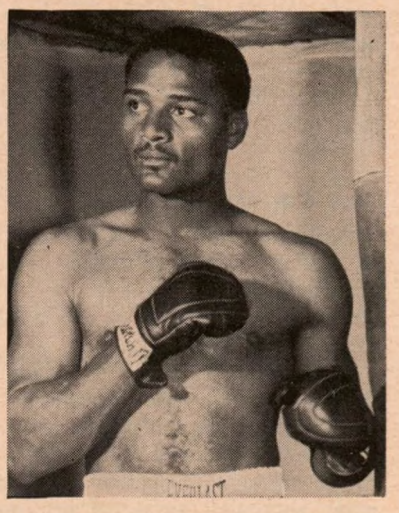
Zora won a number of amateur and service titles while serving four years in the Army. He won the Far Eastern title while serving in Korea and in 1953 captured the All-Army title by beating Ernie Fann. He also won the Middle Atlantic inter-service Athletic Conference championship. His all-over record in Service competition showed 59 wins, 36 by kayos in 62 bouts.

Making his pro debut in 1953, he has rolled up 30 wins in 33 bouts, as of now, losing only two and boxing one draw. At the present time he is on a nine bout winning streak. Besides his triumphs over Bethea and Turner, he has wins over Nino Valdes, and Roger Rischer in a bout that saw Folley win the Pacific Coast Heavyweight title by beating the California champion.

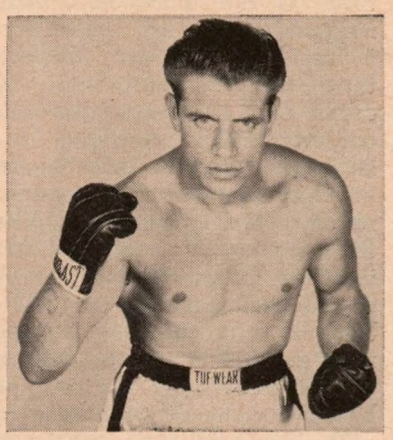
He was held to a draw in his second bout by Cal Chambers then ran off 17 straight before being stopped by Johnny Summerlin. His all-over record includes 19 kayos with Lonnie Malone, Howard King, Calvin Brad, Jake Williams, Ruben Wilson, and Ted Calaman among his victims.

He is married and the father of a three year old son, Zora Bell Folley III. He thinks that 1957 will be his year and with the renewed interest in the heavyweight class, Zora could well move into the title picture with one big victory. He has the flashy boxing

Young Wilf Greaves, crowd pleasing middleweight scrapper from Pittsburgh, Pa., who is making rapid headway.



Ranking heavyweight contender Zora Folley of Chandler, Arizona, a shifty boxer with an eye on the crown.



Undefeated Stefan Redl, hard socking welterweight from Passaic, N. J. A former German amateur champion who has made a hit in his adopted country.

Mexican lightweight king, Baby Vasquez, one of the top 135 pounders in the world.

style to trouble any of the other top contenders and the will to win that is needed to reach the top.

STEFAN REDL

One of the wildest slugfests seen by the video viewers recently was the welterweight Donnybrook between Stefan Redl of Passaic, N. J. and Al (Rocky) Milone of Brooklyn at St. Nick's.

Redl, after being dropped twice and almost stopped in the second round, came slashing back to floor Al once in the seventh and twice in the eighth thus halting his man and advance his unbeaten skein to thirteen with ten kayos.

He was in Heregsalva, Hungary, twenty-four years ago, the only boy child in a family of three. His family moved to a small village near Stuttgart, Germany, where he grew up and attended school. He first became interested in boxing as a schoolboy and joined the local boys club when he was only 13 years old. He became one of Germany's top amateurs and engaged in over 135 bouts, competing in Italy, France, England, Holland, Austria and Belgium. Stefan lost only eight times and won many titles including the All-German 126 pound title in 1952 and that same year lost out in the finals of the Olympic trials. In 1954 he captured the German lightweight crown.

Redl is an all-around athlete, who has played soccer and baseball, a game he learned from the G.I.'s stationed near his home. Stefan also learned as he put it, *"to speak American"* from the troops.

Redl, now makes his home in America with an uncle and intends to bring his family to America. *"I love everything about the U. S."*

A carpenter by trade, he is working as a truck driver for his manager, Carl Duva. Stefan has taken out his citizenship papers and is a member of the New Jersey National Guard.

Since making his pro debut in April, 1956 he has advanced rapidly and in his TV bow won impressively over former world lightweight champion Paddy DeMarco. His aggressive, two-fisted style has made this blue-eyed blond popular with the fans.

BABY VASQUEZ

Lightweight champion of Mexico, Bernabe (Baby) Vasquez has moved into the top contenders class with his recent string of victories which has reached eight at this writing, including six kayos, with Jimmy Soo, El Conscripto, and Paolo Rosi. Vasquez presently holds down the number seven slot in "The Ring" ratings.

Jose Bernabe Vasquez Rodriguez was born twenty-six years ago in San Miguel, Mexico, and now makes his home with his wife and three sons in Mexico City.

One tough hombre he has lost only 12 of 62 pro fights, and was stopped only once when he was caught cold by welterweight Miguel Buricaga in one round. He previously halted Miguel in nine and Buricaga has not been interested in a rubber match. Since moving into the limelight in 1952, Baby lost decisions to Ralph Dupas, twice; Isaac Logart, Frankie Ryff, Al Nevarez and Carmelo Costa while recording wins over Dupas, Teddy Davis, Ramon Tiscareno, Diego Sosa, Humberto Carrillo, Baby Ortiz, Art Ramponi, Beto Couary and Leo Alonzo.

An idol in Mexico where he has been champion since kayoing Raul Esqueda in 1954, Vasquez has fought all over that country, the United States and in Cuba. He is a fast, shifty boxer with a switch-hitting style. He has been seen on TV four times to date against Ryff, Costa, Jimmy Soo and Rosi. Jimmy, built up with a long string of kayo triumphs, was no match for Vasquez.

Baby, who wanted to be a matador as a youngster, did some amateur bull fighting before becoming a boxer. He turned pro as a featherweight in 1950. He quickly reached the main bout class in Mexico and made his U. S. debut by upsetting Dupas in Miami.

Keeping busy inside the ring, he has averaged ten bouts a year, and hopes to keep his winning streak going until he has fought his way to a title match with Joe Brown.

THE THIRD MAN THEME

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and made Robinson the winner in the 10th round over Randy Turpin. This was one of Sugar's greatest performances. Badly cut early in the round, he turned it on with such fury that Turpin was helpless against the ropes when Ruby jumped in.

The British champion contended he would have weathered the storm, but the general opinion was that he was in danger of being seriously hurt. If he had lasted the round there is little doubt that the outcome would have been different. Sugar Ray could not have gone much further with the wound dripping blood down his face.

Of course Goldstein will be remembered longest for the Joey Maxim-Robinson fight, the one he didn't finish. The temparature was over 100 degrees in the Yankee Stadium that night, and Ruby folded in the 10th round. He was replaced by Ray Miller, another ex-fighter turned referee. Robinson collapsed in the 14th, leaving Maxim in possession of the ring and the world light-heavyweight championship.

Miller, a lightweight, boxed from 1926 through 1933. His claim to fame is an eight round knockout over McLarnin. That is, it was until he became a referee. He got tangled up literally in the last of the Sandy Saddler-Willie Pep shambles. At one point Sandy, Willie and Ray were all on the canvas together.

Another explosive night for Miller was set off by the knockout Ernie Durando scored over Rocky Castellani in the seventh round.

Tommy Ryan, Castellani's manager, leaped into the ring and attacked Miller. Ray defended himself until the angry Ryan was pulled away. Later Ryan assaulted Al Weill, then the Garden matchmaker. This ended Ryan's career.

Miller's other big night saw him agree with Judge Joe Agnello that Joey Giardello, Philadelphia middleweight, had outpointed Billy Graham, New York welterweight. Miller voted 5-4-1, but his card was allowed to stand. Bob Christenberry, then N. Y. Commission chairman, altered Agnello's score, making Graham the winner, as he already had the vote of Charley Shortell, the other judge.

A court later reversed Christenberry, ruling he had no right to reverse an official. The winner therefore was Giardello.

No doubt the most famous referee of modern times is Arthur Donovan, now retired. The son of Prof. Mike Donovan, a famous fighter, and himself an ex-boxer, Arthur refereed 14 world heavyweight title fights. He started with Primo Carnera-Jack Sharkey and ended with Joe Louis-Tami Mauriello. He was the third man in 12 of Joe Louis' title bouts.

Donovan also counted 10 over Louis when the Brown Bomber was knocked out by Schmeling in a non-title bout. One experience Arthur will never forget was the second Henry Armstrong-Lew Ambers bout. Ambers regained the lightweight title as Donovan took five rounds away from Armstrong for low blows.

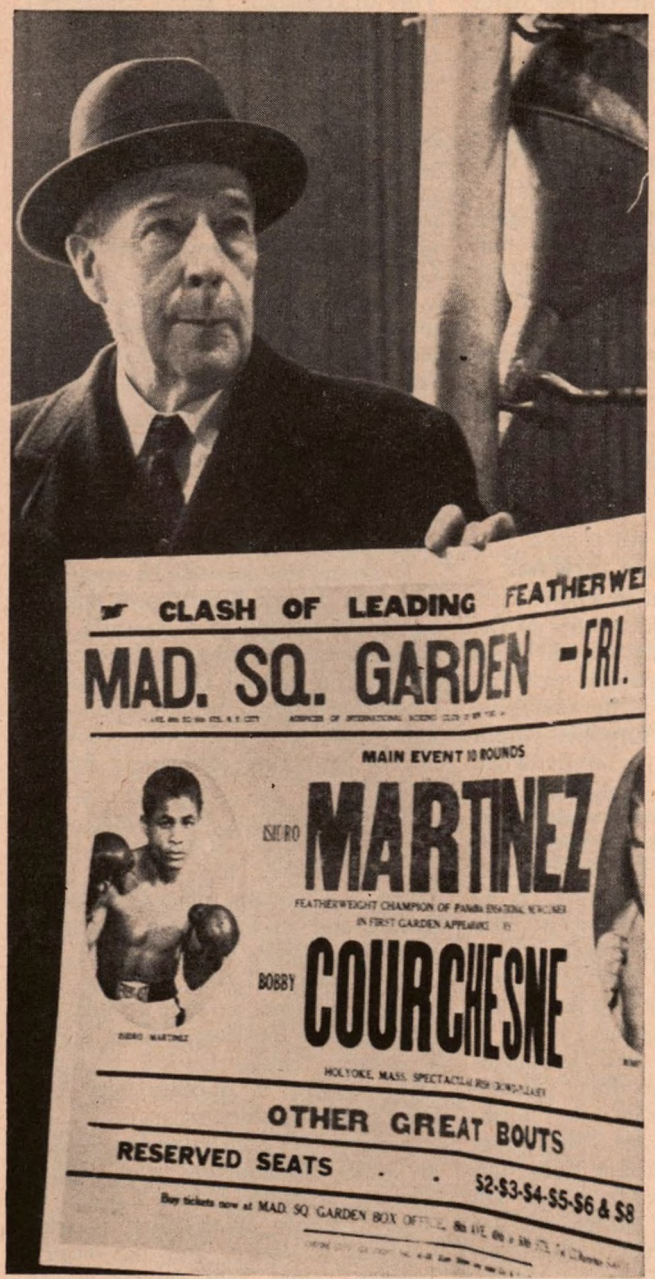
Skipping around the country, Paul Cavalier, a former heavyweight, is one of New Jersey's top referees; Jackie Davis, a Cleveland official, is an ex-fighter, and so is Tommy Rawson of Boston. Rawson is the referee who allowed Jimmy Carter to floor Tom Collins 10 times in four rounds. On retiring from the ring, Collins became a referee. Eddie Curley, a former featherweight, is another top flight referee in Massachusetts.

Jack Sharkey and Jersey Joe Walcott are other ex-champions who work as referees. Recently Ezzard Charles became a referee of wrestling matches. Louis is a referee, and has been a wrestler. Tony Zale, former middleweight champion has been refereeing.

Why be a referee? A thankless task at best, but the ex-champions, and old fighters seem to like it.

The CARDS are STACKED

By JOHNNY SALAK



Willie Lee, former Army featherweight champion (World War I vintage), has been in the printing business for over fifty years, making advertising cards and sheets for boxing and other sports, the theatre and politicians.

IF you should happen to see a sprightly little man walking down the street along Eighth Avenue in the vicinity of Madison Square Garden, in New York, and he should shake his head with despair at any "Post No Bills" signs that might come into view, it would be a good guess that the elderly, twinkling-eyed gentleman would be none other than Wee Willie Lee, little known outside the profession and yet an all-important cog in the fight promoter's drive to herd the paying customers through the clicking turnstiles.

Willie Lee is the man who prints the cards and sheets advertising the coming fights which you see scattered and splattered throughout New York, in deserted stores and barber shops and bars, peeled off his flat bed presses and rolled and glued or tacked with the permanence of a week on to the walls of condemned tenements and boarded-up bankrupt businesses.

In this day of high-pressured salesmanship, of neon-lighted fantastic advertising displays which have made of Broadway a wide canyon of wondrous illumined confusion, the simple blocked lettering, in solid reds and yellows and blues and greens and blacks, with an occasional tint, seem dated, belonging to another time, one less demanding, giving you a gentle nudge instead of a nasty shove into making up your mind.

This form of communication, which Lee himself has been at for over a half a century, dates back to the earliest of times, falling some place between man's first attempts to talk (which may have been a mistake) and chisel on stone (the breed has survived) and the time when the printing press was invented, and newspapers and books came in man's life in abundance.

That was a long time ago, they tell me, when just about everything of public interest was posted in very much the same manner as is the work done by Lee, except that it was hand written or lettered. Public proclamations and notices, news and announcement of sporting events ("Theagenes Goes After 1,379th Straight Tonight!!"—or perhaps later—"Christians To Be Fed To The Lions"), all went in for the treatment, the only visible means there was of bringing to the public notice of what had happened or would occur. No doubt, there was the equivalent of "Post No Bills" signs in those days and counterparts of Willie Lee scurrying through the market places and forums disparagingly tsk-tsking their heads about such restrictions.

But Willie Lee of today is a story in himself and one of the few remaining who have been directly connected with the sport of boxing for over fifty years.

Born on the lower East Side of New York—in the Gas House District of 25th Street and First Avenue—on November 30, 1887, Lee got his early training and remained for many years with the legendary figure of Richard K. Fox, founder and owner of the spicy sports sheet that was as much a part of every barber shop as the quartet—the *National Police Gazette*.

Lee goes back to the days just before the turn of the century when he was first an office boy and then went on to reporting fights and other events for the Gazette. Wee Willie was also a fighter (1908-1912) and when he went into service during World War I, with the 69th Regiment of the 49th Division, he was the Army featherweight champion.

Soon after returning from service Lee was put in charge of printing the paper and remained with the Police Gazette until it went bankrupt in 1932. He then opened the Empire City Job Printing Company in Long Island City, close to his home in Flushing, which devoted itself exclusively to printing the advertising cards and sheets and tickets for sporting events, theatres and political campaigns. Lee owns two-thirds of the business.

For the printing of such material Lee's experience goes back to the Horton Law Days, before 1900, and the oddly strange Club Membership Days of boxing, when the price of

a ticket made you a member (for a night) of the club and gained you entrance to view the event.

There was a time when Lee's Empire City did a fantastic business with a dozen or more fight clubs running in New York, when he handled 20 or 30 theatres each week, all the wrestling shows and an avalanche of political cards and sheets.

In those days, say for a Madison Square Garden fight, about 1,000 cards, 500 one-sheets and 200 two-sheets were ordered. Today the order runs for about 200 cards and one-sheets.

In addition to the fights at Madison Square Garden, Lee's outfit also does the printing for St. Nicholas Arena and what shows are held in Syracuse, Miami and Washington. The out-of-town cards and sheets are sent from New York air express in order to reach the clubs in ample time.

A trend which is brought more clearly into focus is the fact that twice as much printing is now ordered for each wrestling show as compared to boxing.

Lee has ten men working for him, with election time practically an around-the-clock working day—it being the busiest and most profitable season.

He gets his fight information on the standing order once a week—and gives twenty-four hour service. In New York, the material is turned over to him by Murray Goodman, publicity man for the Garden fights, and by Teddy Brenner, matchmaker for St. Nicholas Arena.

He usually makes a trip into the city once a week to see Goodman and Brenner. They give him the information to be set in type and the photos, if any, which are to be used. Lee has the engravings made and then prints his cards and sheets. They are then stacked and ready for delivery and his job is done.

George Moxley, who has been in the business fifty years this July, picks up the stacks of cards and sheets in his little truck and distributes and posts them. They must be posted the morning of a week before the fight being advertised so that a person attending a Friday or Monday fight (if it is the Garden or St. Nick's) is visually acquainted with the event that takes place the following week at the club. This job keeps Moxley running around all the time but not content to sit still on Saturdays (his day off) he paints flag poles.

Moxley does his posting in the Garden itself and the surounding district (or wherever the fight is being held), plus in the neighborhoods of the fighters, if they are local boys. Sometimes there are special requests for cards and sheets and quite often the fighters or their managers will take some to distribute.

Postponements play havoc with promoters and printers. For instance, in a recently scheduled featherweight match at the Garden, Isidro Martinez was to have fought Gil Cadilli. Several days before the fight Martinez took ill, was forced to cancel out and Ike Chestnut was brought in as a substitute. A mad rush was on, the printer had to make up entire new cards and sheets, they had to be distributed and posted.

For the Angelo DeFendis-Yvon Durelle fight slated for St. Nick's, DeFendis was injured and pulled out of the fight the same day it was scheduled, with Clarence Floyd taking over. With only hours till fight time, only a strip was printed with the name of the new opponent and pasted on the cards and sheets.

When a championship fight is scheduled for the Garden or outdoors at one of the ball parks, as many as 2,000 cards, 1,000 one-sheets and 1,000 two-sheets are printed and distributed, usually when the tickets are ready to go on sale, several weeks before the fight.

It was inevitable, since the elderly, white-haired gentleman had seen fighters battling for more than a half a century that the interview would turn from printing to punch-

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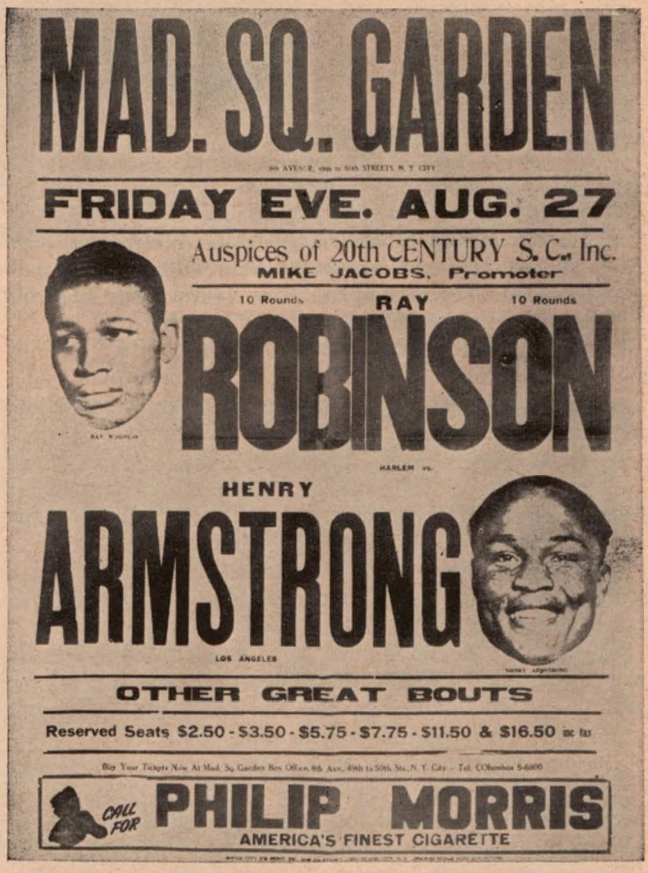
The return title bout between Joe Louis and Abe Simon at Madison Square Garden was a big draw. Receipts were over $139,000 with Louis giving $36,146 to the Army Emergency Relief Fund. Willie Lee's card shows there was a $25 top on the fight.



Two all times great met at the Garden on August 27, 1943, Henry Armstrong, former triple title holder, who was on his way down, and young Ray Robinson, who was just beginning to fulfill his greatness. This one-sheet is now a collector's item.

The winners of the 1957 Interservice Boxing Tournament held at the U. S. Naval Station, Newport, R. I. (left to right) Don Adamson, Air Force, 112; Ray Wharton, Navy, 119; Francis Lee, Navy, 125; Louis Molina, Marine Corps, 132; Bob Powell, Marine Corps, 139; Bob Fosmire, Marine Corps, 147; Roosevelt Charles, Marine Corps, 156; George McCorkle, Air Force, 165; Bill Johnson, Air Force, 178; and Allen Hudson, Army, Heavyweight.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By "G.I." JOE SMITH

MARINES WIN INTERSERVICE TITLE

FOUR Marines won individual titles to pace the Marine Corps boxers to the 1957 Interservice Boxing Championships at the U. S. Naval Station, Newport, R. I. An overflow crowd of better than 5,000 saw two sailors, three Air Force men and one soldier join the four Leathernecks in the charmed winner's circle.

The Navy's Ray Wharton, 1954 Interservice champ, and the Marines' Louis Molina, 1956 champion, once again won hard-fought matches to gain Interservice titles in the bantamweight and lightweight divisions, respectively.

Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, Jr., Commander, Naval Base, Newport, and Captain Liles W. Creighton, Commanding Officer, Naval Station, presented the ten champions and ten runner-ups with symbolic 1957 Interservice trophies.

Major A. W. Latta, UMC, representative of the Interservice Sports Council, accepted the gigantic 3-foot teams' trophy on behalf of the Marine Corps.

The Marine pugilists piled up a total of 22 points to win the team championship. The Air Force was second with 15 points followed by the Navy with 10. Defending champion Army was fourth with nine points.

Besides Wharton and Molina, this year's Interservice champs are the Air Force's Don Adamson, 112; George McCorkle, 165; and Bill Johnson, 178; the Navy's Francis Lee, 125; the Marine's Bob Powell, 139; Bob Fosmire, 147; and Roosevelt Charles, 156; and the Army's Allen Hudson, heavyweight.

The Air Force had the distinction of having the first champion crowned. Don Adamson, spunky Air Force flyweight, won a split decision over Army's Sherriedale Morgan in the night's opening match. The fast-punching Adamson scored effectively in the first two rounds. In the final round, Adamson buckled the fancy-dancing Morgan's legs with a solid right hook to solidify the win.

Bantamweight Wharton came from behind with a beautiful punching exhibition in the final round to win a close split decision over the Marines' Gerald Mathes.

Navy's calm and aggressive Francis "Tebby" Lee put on a crafty bit of showmanship in winning the featherweight crown on a unanimous decision over the Marines' Bill Davis. Lee set a fast pace from the opening bell hurting Davis with explosive rights to the mid-section. The pace slowed down a little in the second round but in the final round Lee showed the ring art of a veteran in hurting Davis with lefts to the mid-section to pace himself to win.

In one of the fastest-moving fights of the night, the Marines' Louis Molina won a split decision over the Air Force's Fred Jackson to win the lightweight title. The stock, free-swinging Marine won the first round with a steady combination of left hooks and rights to Jackson's body. Molina hurt Jackson with a well-timed left hook to the chin in the second.

The Marines' Bob Powell excelled at long range punching to gain a unanimous decision over the Air Force's John Granger in the light welterweight championship match. Powell won the first two rounds, but in the final, when the boys resorted to roughhouse tactics, Granger was the aggressor and had Powell in trouble at the final bell.

Bob Fosmire, the Marines' welterweight champ, won the 147-pound championship on a default over the Air Force's

Bob Matthews, who had poundage troubles and couldn't make the weight limit.

Roosevelt Charles, hard-hitting Marine light middleweight, scored the night's only knockout to win the 156-pound title. Charles unleashed a vicious left uppercut early in the final round to gain a TKO over the Army's Dillard Jackson in 21 seconds of the third round. Charles held the upper hand in the first two rounds hurting Jackson several times with dynamic left jabs to the mid-section and right uppercut to the chin.

The Air Force's George McCorkle won the middleweight title on a unanimous decision over the Navy's Joe Louis Adair. McCorkle took the first two rounds as his solid right hooks slowed down the aggressive Adair. In the final round the free-swing Adair opened up a good two-fisted attack before a timely right uppercut by McCorkle slowed down the Navy boxer.

The light heavyweight title was won by the Air Force's Bill Johnson who gained a split decision over the Army's Moses Walker. The lively bout saw Johnson score repeatedly with solid right crosses and left hooks. After Johnson won the first two rounds, Walker retaliated with a good attack in the final round but by then Johnson had scored enough to win the decision.

Army gained its lone title holder in the last match of the night when heavyweight Allen Hudson won a decision over the Marines' Dave Robinson. Hudson used a terrific right hook coupled with a constant left jab to win the unanimous verdict.

Thanks go to Lt. jg Tom W. Mahaffey, Public Information Officer, who made our short stay at Newport a worth while trip for myself and Fred Thornberry, JOC, USN.

TONY GREB RETIRES FROM RING

A veteran of pugilistic wars, who has spent 32 years in boxing and has had a hand in producing two former world middleweight champions, has changed the ring for a desk job at Fort Benning.

M/Sgt. Anthony "Tony" Scala of 38 Joreman St., Belleville, N. J., first sergeant of Company B, First Special Troops Command, has seen a successful career both as a fighter and coach culminated when Marcel Cerdan and Carl "Bobo" Olson won world championships.

Presently, two of Sgt. Scala's military proteges who have turned pro since leaving the service, middleweight Joe Baglio and lightweight Mickey Dwyer, are enjoying successful pugilistic careers.

Scala, who is married to the former Emie Mangold of Mansfield, Ohio, was one of 10 children in a family of seven boys and three girls.

In 1927, he joined the 104th Engineers National Guard Unit in Newark, N. J.

In 1928, Tony joined the Navy at Newport, R. I., where he continued fighting as a middleweight. While in the Navy, he faced Steve Zev, a light heavyweight, whom he ended up fighting on seven occasions. The first meeting, he dropped Zev three times but lost on a split decision. The next meeting in Quantico Bay, Cuba, Tony avenged the earlier setback by knocking Zev in the first round. The other five fights came later in the pro ranks, where young Scala won three times and lost twice.

At the age of 19, Tony turned pro. His first fight was with Bobby Mess, a New Jersey light heavyweight champ, in Harrison, N. J. Tony lost via a TKO as a result of a severe cut inside his mouth. The total pay for his fight was $6.

Pro fights were tough to get at this time and were taken as they came up, even if it meant fighting three and four times a week.

Fighting under the name, Tony Greb (his idol was

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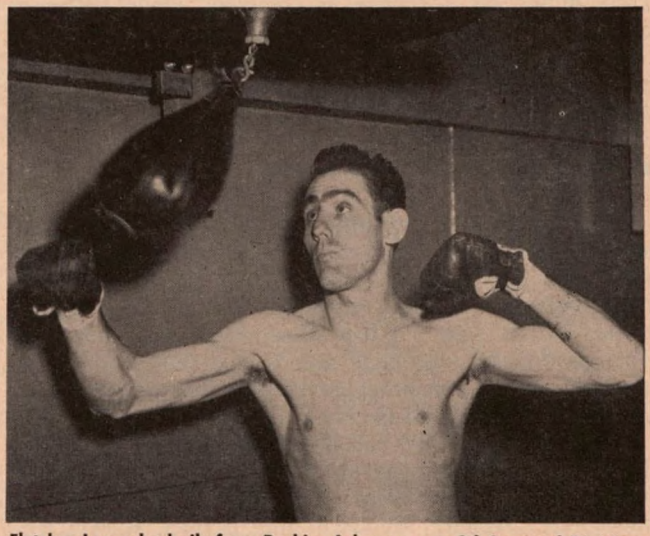
Capt. Liles W. Creighton, left, Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Station, Newport, R. I., presents Maj. Arthur W Latta, USMC, representative of the Interservice Sports Council, with the Interservice Boxing Trophy. Maj. Latta accepted the trophy on behalf of the Marine Corps.

Navy's Francis "Tebby" Lee, Pittsburgh, Pa., USS Cascade, dark trunks, gets set to throw a left hook to his 125 pound opponent William Davis, Kansas City, Kan., Camp Lejeune, N. C., in the finals of the Interservice Boxing Championships held at the U. S. Naval Station, Newport, R. I. Lee won the contest.



Fletcher Lee, who hails from Parkin, Arkansas . . . 3d Armored Division light-middle champion who is stationed at Frankfurt, Germany.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

STRANGE things do have a habit of happening in this rugged fight trade, and it's quite within the realm of possibility that in another year or so—providing, of course, nothing catastrophic befalls either in the meantime—teammates on the 1952 American Olympic squad may be battling it out for the world heavyweight title.

Now scaling 173, but still growing and gaining in strength and confidence, Tony Anthony shapes up at the moment as having something considerably better than an "outside chance" of qualifying for a shot at Floyd Patterson in the not too distant future.

There certainly could be no fault-finding with Anthony's three-round demolition job on Chuck Spieser in their Detroit get-together. Tony gave a brilliant all-around exhibition of shifty footwork, clever boxing and deadly sharpshooting in disposing of Spieser so handily.

By that win, Anthony qualified for a crack on June 7, also in Detroit, at Archie Moore and the latter's light-heavyweight laurels. If Tony gets by Ancient Archie, the young man is quite likely to forsake the anemic 175-pound division and move up into heavyweight competition.

It is interesting to compare the respective physical and fistic statistics of Patterson and Anthony. In age, Floyd is only one month and two days older than the rangy Harlemite. Patterson's official birth date is listed as January 4, 1935; Anthony's as February 6, the same year. Thus, both lads are still comparative youngsters, only 22.

Both had impressive careers in the amateurs, and were picked for the team that represented the United States at the Helsinki Olympiad five years ago. Patterson was the first-string entry in the middleweight (165-pound) class, while Anthony went along as alternate to Ellsworth (Spider) Webb in the light-middleweight (156-pound) division. Tony didn't get a chance to complete, while Patterson blasted his way through to the championship of his class.

Both boths turned professional within two months of each other late in 1952, Patterson on September 12, Anthony on November 5.

ANTHONY'S DISCOURAGING STREAK

Patterson's pro career hardly calls for any detailed resumé here. It is too well known to the populace. Suffice it to say that in four years of competition in the money ranks, Floyd suffered only one setback, and that, early in his career, was to cagey old Joey Maxim, who was awarded a disputed decision after eight rounds of milling at the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn. Of his thirty-one victories, Patterson accounted for twenty-two by knockouts.

Anthony, meanwhile, had been bumping into occasional discouraging reverses. As a middleweight, he was beaten four times in twenty-eight starts—and all four were by knockouts! Miguel Mendevil and Jacques Royer-Crecy stopped him in Johnstown, Pa.; Willie Troy at the Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, and Bobby Boyd at the St. Nicholas Arena here. Anthony's winning score was eighteen knockouts and six decisions.

Despite Tony's apparently fragile chin, Manager Ernie Braca never quite despaired of the youngster. "Remember, Tony's a skinny kid over six feet in height and he's not built for rough going," Ernie would say. "Wait until he fills out and gets stronger and tougher."

About a year ago Anthony moved up with the light-heavyweights. The Spieser episode gave him a string of six straight wins, five by knockouts. The only opponent to last the full route with him was Clarence Hinnant in Washington.

"That bout convinced me Tony had finally 'arrived'," says Braca. "You know, there was a suspicion around that the kid not only had a glass chin, but was on the faint-hearted side, too—that he became discouraged easily. Well, that Hinnant bout was a real test on all counts. If you'll remember, Tony was in tough shape early in the fight. Hinnant, a dangerous puncher, had him nearly out in the second. But the kid proved he had real stuff in him. He fought himself out of trouble and came on to give Hinnant a thorough hiding. After that, I was more positive than ever that Tony was on his way to the top."

"Patterson?" Braca adds, "We're in no hurry for him. We've got to get rid of Archie Moore first. Then we'll start thinking of Patterson and we should be ready for him in another year."

THAT CARNIVAL CAMP

Recollections of one of the liveliest training camps with which this observer has ever been identified were revived recently by a news dispatch out of Lakewood, N. J., reporting a general alarm fire at the Hotel Stanley.

It was at the Stanley that Joe Louis prepped for his disastrous first meeting with Max Schmeling at the Yankee Stadium in June, 1936.

Lakewood, in the heart of the pine woods region of Central Jersey, half-way between New York and Atlantic City, has long been a popular winter resort, but trade falls off there in the summer, and Harry Cohen, manager of the Stanley, thought it good business to convert his hostelry into a combination training camp and press headquarters. It not only would keep his place active for a good part of a normally dull season, but the national publicity he'd receive would be tremendous.

Until then, all Louis' training for his eastern fights—with Primo Carnera, Max Baer and Paulino Uzcudun—had been at Dr. Joe Bier's place in Pompton Lakes, but Cohen's offer for Joe to train at Lakewood for Schmeling was too attractive to decline.

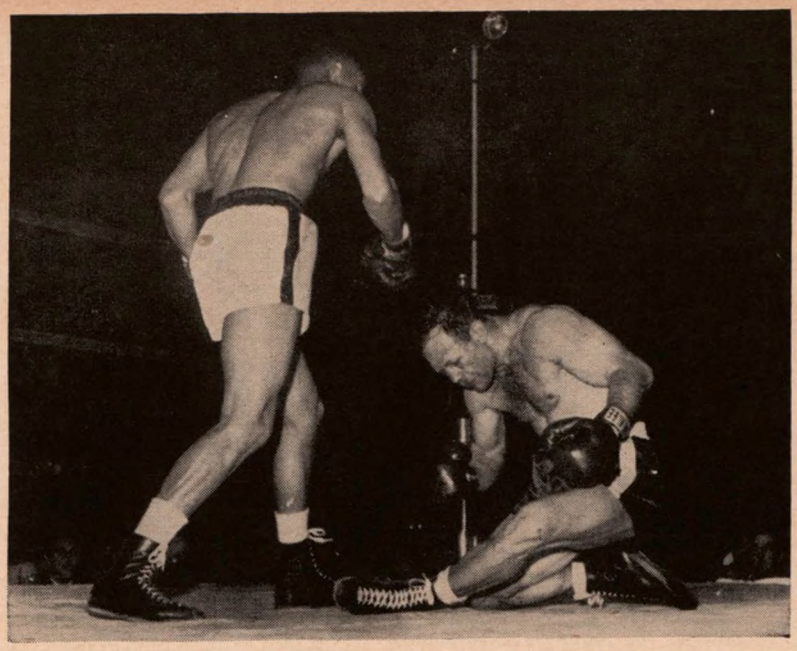
Cohen had had one previous experience with the fight crowd, and he'd liked it. In 1929, when Schmeling ar-

ranged to train at Bill Dwyer's nearby stud farm for his bout with Paulino, Cohen had offered his hotel for press headquarters. The deal turned out to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

This time Harry not only would accommodate the press contingent, but he'd have Louis train right on the grounds. (Joe and his entourage were domiciled in a large house only a block from the hotel.) Cohen built an outdoor arena adjoining the hotel premises and on rainy days transformed a large front porch into an indoor gymnasium.

As it turned out, the place became something more than a training camp and press headquarters. It developed into a amusement park. There was hardly a day that Negro entertainers didn't drop in and give an impromptu show in the hotel's grill room downstairs. The joint was really hopping. The grill room became a popular hangout not only for the "regulars" but for all sorts of visitors at all sorts of hours. Louis himself was a frequent dropper-in—when he wasn't running off to the golf course. Nobody regarded the Schmeling bout seriously. Hadn't Louis knocked out Baer, who had knocked out Schmeling? Shucks, this would be a quick demolition job by Joe. The whole atmosphere at the Stanley was one of gaiety and levity.

Just how much that entertaining stay contributed to Louis' stunning defeat by Schmeling, we wouldn't know, but we do know that when Shufflin' Joe began his comeback campaign against Jack Sharkey, he did his training at quiet but dependable Doc Bier's camp at Pompton Lakes. Louis had to learn the hard way, but he did learn that a carnival lot is no place for a fighter to train properly.



Chuck Spieser on the way out as stylish Tony Anthony earns chance at Archie Moore and light-heavyweight title by polishing off former collegiate star in third round of Detroit battle.

ANENT WILLIE BEECHER

It was something of a grim coincidence that, just as last month's issue of The Ring was hitting the newsstands, the obituary columns of the local press reported the news of Willie Beecher's passing. In this New York department, we had revived the amusing story of Beecher's affair with Abe Attell and Referee Charley Daycott out in Arverne, Long Island.

Beecher, a native of Manhattan's Lower East Side, flourished in an era when the sock market was loaded with good talent. Willie was never a champion, nor even close to being one, but he was a tough, durable sort and good enough to step along with most of the ranking lightweights of his time. It was Willie who finished the career of Young Corbett (Billy Rothwell) by stopping the Denver veteran in the fourth round at the old Longacre club in 1910.

One of Beecher's best showings was against the then world lightweight champion, Freddie Welsh, in old Madison Square Garden in 1915. Taking the fight on two days' notice as a substitute, Willie made Welsh hustle all the way in a lively ten-rounder.

Beecher's record was packed with such top names as Battling Nelson, Leach Cross, K.O. Brown, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Johnny Dundee, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Joe Rivers, Abe (Young) Brown, Joe Bedell, Battling Hurley and Cy Smith. So far as we can recall, Willie was never knocked out, although he must have crowded in at least 200 fights into a ten-year span.

His own fighting days finished, Beecher opened a gymnasium in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, and for several years did a thriving business in training and managing fighters. Eventually, he sold the gym, retired to his old East Side neighborhood, and quietly drifted out of boxing.

THE month's results. Squaring accounts for a decision lost in Houston, Texas, four and a half months before, Ike Chestnut, 129¾, Harlem, edged out Gil Cadilli, 129¾, San Francisco, in a fast but uninspiring ten in Madison Square Garden. It was Chestnut's aggressiveness that decided the issue. In other respects, the rivals were fairly evenly matched. Favoring left jabs, Ike forced the action all the way while Cadilli, a shifty boxer, relied on defensive, hit-and-run tactics. The only approach to real excitement during the entire affair was in the sixth when Chestnut scored with three successive rights that buckled Cadilli's knees. Jimmy Hackney, 138, Philadelphia, split the decision with Ernie Williams, 140½, Washington, in the semi-final six. Jimmy Archer, 145½, Bronx, punched out a verdict over Itzy Wallach, 145½, East Side, in another six. In two other sixes, reduced to four, Albert Scott, 171½, South Africa, had too much stuff for Bruce Damphier, 167½, Amsterdam, N. Y., and Dave Cochrane, 151, Buffalo, battled to a draw with Eddie Thompson, 158¾, Cincinnati. In the opening four, Ralph Armstrong, 133¼, Bermuda, shared the honors with Roland Kellam, 130½, Harlem.

▶In a crude but exciting swingfest, Stefan Redl, 144, Passaic, N. J., survived two knockdowns to outlast Al Milone, 148½, Coney Island, and stop him at 2:04 of the eighth at St. Nicholas Arena. The lanky Milone proved an awkward foeman for Redl in the early rounds. Twice in the second his wild swings sent Stefan sprawling on the canvas. The transplanted Hungarian-German recovered, however, and with his strength and aggressiveness he gradually overhauled the Coney Islander. In the seventh a left hook dropped the tiring Milone for a nine-count. Al was down twice more in the eighth and tottering unsteadily on his feet when Referee Barney Felix decided he'd had enough. It was Redl's thirteenth straight win, and tenth by kayo, in American rings, but added little, if anything, to his prestige. Milone was only a preliminary performer, with a previous record of three defeats (one by kayo) in eleven starts. Former amateur star Floyd Smith, 130¾, Harlem, posted his second pro win by whipping Angelo (Chico) Velez, 135¾, East Side, in the semi-final six. Two veterans, Joe Tomasello, 164½, Keyport, N. J., and Phil Rizzo, 163, Brooklyn, slugged through to a draw in another six. In fours, Jimmy Ithia, 125, West Side, outpointed Bobby Gilmore, 124½, Paterson, and Ronnie Geoffrion, 166, West Side, won from Flanders Braxton, 165, East Side.

▶The elimination series for the vacant world featherweight title got off to a rousing start when chunky Miguel Berrios, 125, Puerto Rico, hustled and bustled his way to a close decision over Carmelo Costa, 125, Brooklyn, in a lively twelve in Madison Square Garden. A clean knockdown in the tenth represented Berrios' slim margin of victory. It was a fast, keenly-fought battle between widely contrasting styles, Berrios' persistent aggressiveness and heavier hitting and Costa's shifty defensive boxing and snappy counter-punching. Costa was slightly ahead going into the tenth, but he had a close call from disaster in that round. Staggered by one left hook, he was dumped on the canvas by a second one. Unsteady when he arose, he had some rough moments as Berrios swarmed all over him, both fists blazing away, but the Brooklynite boxed his way out of further trouble. That round put Berrios in front, and he held the lead in some furious exchanges with a desperate Costa in the last two sessions. Jimmy Grow, 135, Tacoma, Wash. outfought Russ Tague, 133, Davenport, Iowa, in the semi-final eight. Harry Bell, 135, Harlem, was credited with a kayo over Joey Donovan, 135, Astoria, at 1:59 of the sixth when Referee Herbie Kronowitz called a halt because of a cut over Donovan's left eye. Donovan was winning handily until then, and the fans disagreed volubly with Kronowitz's action. In fours, Eddie Wright, 158, Philadelphia, outpointed Dick King, 158, Harlem; Cleo Ortiz, 126, Bronx, won from Primo Arellano, 126, Brooklyn, and Billy Taylor, 151, Hartford, Conn., was declared winner over Willie Davis, 148, Philadelphia, when their bout was halted at the end of the third because of a rip on Davis' left eyelid.

▶As a short-notice substitute for Angelo DeFendis, who reported with an injured arm, Clarence Floyd, 167, Bronx, did well enough until he tired and was mauled into exhaustion by Yvon Durelle, 175, Baie St. Ann, N. B., at 1:14 of the seventh at St.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

On of the most crucial events in a boxer's career is when he is fighting his first main event and his opponent is a sharpshooter who can knock a man out with one punch. But Leo Agbulos of Stockton did not let Jack (Hellcat) Parelli of Oakland land any solid blows. Agbulos won the verdict by a wide margin in the ten-round headliner in Stockton at the Civic Auditorium. Weights: Agbulos, 136; Parelli, 137. This was Agbulos' 14th victory in a perfect record as a pro.

Leo rained left jabs and hooks on Parelli throughout the contest, forcing his usually aggressive foe to be constantly backtracking. Parelli was staggered in the tenth, and just did manage to last out the round.

Promoter Willie Hunefeld's usual Tuesday date had been shifted to Saturday.

After Billy Moore, 136, Salinas, had knocked down Hector Bascuetes, 134, New Orleans, four times, Referee Pete Morelli halted proceedings in the second. It was a TKO for Moore.

Four round results: Bobby Gray, 129, dec. Dave Midel, 128; Jim Mackey, 142, outpointed Ken Gordon, 138; Irish Johnny Flynn, 148, dec. Jim Duval, 143.

▶Twirling the dials on my TV set, to avoid hearing a particularly odious commercial, I happened to switch onto a program entitled "Eye-to-eye" and to my amazement there was my old pinochle partner Babe McCoy being interviewed by Bill Stout, one of our better commentators here in L. A. Bob Panella, talented sports ed of the Hollywood Citizens News devoted his entire column to it.

'Right now," said Panella, **"Babe McCoy is suspended. He can't engage in his usual chores of matchmaking. "He climaxed a series of questioning with a plea. He asked to have the final judgment of the public wait until he had his day in court, a court, which he implied, didn't act as prosecution, judge and jury. If he were alluding to the recent special investigation committee set up by the governor, then McCoy is one hundred percent right.**

"I say that whether he be guilty or innocent. He's right along procedure lines. . . .

"McCoy brought up another point and I'd like to elaborate on it. Boxing has been the whipping boy of sports ever since they fought on barges. More commotion has been whipped up via inquiries and investigations over the years, newspaper exposes and the like—and look back and see how many of those charges lived much longer than yesterday's headlines."

So writes Panella; and he's oh, so right!

▶Charlie (Tombstone) Smith, state welterweight champ, and recently promoted to the "top ten" by Nat Fleischer, proved that he merited said promotion at the Olympic Auditorium by winning the unanimous verdict over Joe Miceli. It was his most important win to date. Smith, 150; Ficeli, 149.

Here's the scoring: Referee Abe Roth, 100-90; Judge John Thomas, 98-88; Judge Jimmy Wallace, 98-91.

Smith, the apple of Manager Paddy Quaid's bloodshot eye, is now in line for a scrap with Kid Gavilan, and Matchmaker Cal Working has made the Cuban Keed an offer. Tombstone concentrated on a head attack, most of the time.

In the six-round semi, Don McAteer, 162½, new comer from New Jersey, boxed a bloody six-round draw with Danny Perez, 164. A terrific brawl; fans tossed money into the ring. The fours: Charlie Rogers, 142, TKO (1) over Manny Moya, 137½; Steve Limon, 131½, dec. Norbert Galindo, 134; and Willie Gilbert, 165, dec. Glen Rogers, 164.

▶Jose Luis Cotero, 126, won the Californa featherweight title at Hollywood Legion Stadium by taking a unanimous 12-round decision over Larry Bataan, Philippines. Gross gate was $5,332; an impressive figure for a TV scrap.

The scoring: Referee Dynamite Jackson, 119-106; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 117-110, and Judge Frankie Van, 117-106. There was one knockdown; Cotero dropped the Filipino with a left hook to the jaw in the 7th for a three-count.

As usual, Cotero started slowly, and he finished with a Lauro Salas stretch-run, nullifying Bataan's early advantage.

The semi-final was slated for six, but Reuben Wilson, 193½, wasted little time in disposing of Eddie Cato, 217. A right cross to the jaw, after the opening bell, sent Cato to the showers.

The fours: Vince Davi, 146½, dec. Manny Jefferson, 152; Del Ray, 147½, drew with Eddie Gilbert, 148; and Mucho Fuentes, 135, dec. Norbert Galindo, 133.

▶Paul Zimmerman, outspoken sports editor of the L. A. Times, sheds no tears over the Federal court decision against the I.B.C. He refers to the tie-in betwixt that organization and Hollywood Legion Post 43, which operates the Stadium.

"Their big effort", says the Colonel (meaning the I.B.C. and the Legion) **"was the Ray Robinson-Bobo Olson championship affair at Wrigley Field.**

"This ended on a sad note" he continues, **"because it wasn't any fight at all, as Bobo folded. By the time everyone got their cut out of the gate, the Legion didn't have much to show for lending the dignity of its name to the sorry scrap. To refresh your memory, the fight grossed $233,000, but the Legion wound up with only about 10 grand.**

"Since that time, however, the I.B.C. through one of its tried and sometimes true associates, George Parnassus, has been awfully good to the Legion and Matchmaker Jackie Leonard."

▶Korean War veteran Mickey Northrup, 136, came from behind to score a spectacular 9th round TKO over Leonard Gaines, Oakland, 136½, at the Olympic Auditorium. Trailing on points, Mickey exploded with a right to the jaw in the 9th to drop Gaines for eight. A few seconds later he dropped Gaines again, and Referee John Thomas stopped the fight.

Cal Houston, 164, scored a 4th round TKO over Henry Bronko, 159, in the semi, scheduled for six. The fours: Enrique Morales, 126½, dec. Clyde Nettles, 127; Jimmy Feaster, 136, drew with Joe Smyers, 136½, and Charles Earl, 169, drew with Joe Mack, 171.

▶Fighting with one eye closed, and having Northern California's best heavyweight prospect as an opponent, is no happy situation. But Bob Scrivens, 181, of Sacramento, overcame this handicap to pound out a ten round decision over San Francisco's Jackie Torme, 190. They headlined the program at the Auditorium in Richmond.

Jimmy Cosenza's promotion grossed $3,111.

Referee Frankie Carter scored it 96-92 for Scrivens. Bob's left eye was closed by Torme's punches in the second, but Scrivens' spirited offensives kept him well in the lead throughout the battle.

In a companion ten-rounder, Jorge Macias, 141, San Jose, took a close decision from Billy Brown, 139, Oakland.

It was 14 straight for Bob Butcher, 200, when he knocked out Dave Ford, 204, with a left hook in 2.13 of the first round. They were slated for six.

Tony Moss, 152, got the six-round verdict in a swatfest with Julian Valdez, 148.

▶Manila's fistic pride, Dommy Ursua, uses Stockton, Calif. as his base of operations while he campaigns for the world's flyweight championship. Many clever bantams and featherweights have been his prey since he invaded the Mainland. However, his most recent victim, Jackie Spurgeon of New York, was in Dommy's own weight class, 114 to Ursua's 116. Ursua scored a TKO in 1.28 of the fourth round. These battlers headed the program at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton.

Northern California observers were surprised when Promoter Willie Hunefeld had his show on Wednesday night, considered a bad choice on account of national television boxing. But over 2500 fans appeared, to pay a gross of $6400.

The fight was halted by Referee Pete Morelli because of a two inch cut over Spurgeon's left eyebrow. Just before, Spurgeon had taken six sharp punches from Ursua without a return. Ursua had scored an eight-count knockdown in the first.

At the end of three, all officials had Ursua leading, 30 to 26.

Abe Nance, 149, Stockton, outpunched Johnny Milton, 147, Oakland, to take a six-round decision.

Outcome of fours: Jimmy Mackey, 144, KO'd Dick McGhee, in 2; Leo Merino, 185, stopped Bill Reese, 192, in 2; Cleo Frazier, 161, outpointed Willie Lewis, 158.

▶Vince Delgado, nephew of Carlos Chavez, 126½, scored a sharp upset at Hollywood Legion Stadium by trouncing favored Ernesto Parra, 128, Mexico City in a thriller. Gross gate was announced as $5,237, with a crowd estimated at over 4,000. (Nice turnout for a TV affair, no?)

It was a split verdict. Referee Tommy Hart gave it to Parra, 96-95, but was outvoted by the two judges. Reggie Gillmore scored it 97-95, and Frankie Van 97-96. Some of the ringsiders gave Delgado the edge by a considerably fatter margin.

Vince, in fine condition, repeatedly beat the Mexican invader to the punch, scoring with powerful lefts to the body and ripping rights to the head.

In the semi, which Cal Whorton of the TIMES called "the mismatch of the year", Jesse Jones, 145½, Los Angeles, scored a 5-round TKO over Julian Valdez, 147, San Francisco. The fours: Jimmy Jackson, 138, dec. Frankie Jennings, 138½; Joe Mack, 169, drew with Orlando Di Pietro, 168; and Steve Limon, 132, dec. Andy Solis, 136.

▶George Parnassus, veteran pilot, has fared exceedingly well with his importations from Mexico. The wily Greek has brought in Raton Macias, Kid Anahuac, Ernesto Figueroa, Pajarito Moreno and Ernesto Parra.

Macias looked impressive in flattening Larry Bataan; Anahuac upset Jose Cotero and followed that up with a win over Billy Peacock; Figueroa stopped Jimmy Moser; Moreno proved a riot in his kayo over Tommy Bain.

Only loser was Parra; that was by a split decision to Vince Delgado. But the fight was so good that a rematch seems certain.

Hollywood Legion Stadium has now become Parnassus Pavilion.

▶Though just a routine item on the national boxing calendar, the swatfest between Joey Giambra and Al Andrews was a significant event for Oakland, California. Oakland has been in the fistic doldrums for several years, but it again attained the "back in business" category when a near-capacity throng at the Civic Auditorium paid $13,928 to see Giambra score a sixth round TKO over Andrews. Weights: Giambra, 158½, Andrews, 160½. Jack Downey refereed.

Handling this venture were Promoter Jimmy Dundee and Matchmaker Don Chargin. A portion of the receipts went to the Father Phillips vacation camp fund for boys.

Not noted as a quick finisher, Giambra almost ended matters in the first round. He had Andrews on the floor four times in that session.

But in the sixth one of Joey's rights opened a large cut over Andrews' left eye. Shortly before the bell Giambra floored Al with a left hook. The contest was declared over after Dr. Louis Kameny examined Andrews in his corner.

In a six-rounder, Dom Sacco, 133, took the honors from Billy Moore, 134. Another scheduled six ended abruptly, Tommy Villa, 181, stopping Leo Merino, 183, in the second.

Four rounders: Marvin Ross, 172, dec. Andy Domebo, 181; Rocky Fumerelle, 155, outpointed Nate Spellman, 153; Richie Todaro, 132, KO'd Warren Tinder, 131, in 1.

▶Topnotch mitt wielders from the Philippines usually consider Stockton to be their lucky city. But Steve Tony, claimant to top welterweight honors in the Orient, found that this is not always the case. After having things his own way for three rounds, he lost by a TKO in the seventh to Manuel (El Toro) Rocha, a fast-swinging invader from Durango, Mexico. It was a scheduled ten at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Weights: Rocha, 148; Tony, 149.

A gathering of 1720 fans paid $3,143 gross to see Promoter Willie Hunefeld's program.

Consensus of the three officials had it 58-57 for Tony at the end of six.

One of Rocha's looping rights turned the tide of battle near the end of the fourth. It puffed Tony's left eye, and by the end of the fifth the optic was completely closed. After Tony took a one-sided battering in the sixth, his seconds told Referee Johnny Reno to call it quits at the beginning of the seventh.

Cleo Frazier, 162, Stockton, outlasted Willie Lewis, 158, Sacramento in the semi-final donnybrook to score a kayo in the sixth.

Results of fours: Bobby Gray, 129, KO'd Larry Sanchez, 134, in 2; Joe Neal, 162, stopped Bernie Geron in 2; Jim Mackey, 146, drew with Jim Duval, 142.

▶Press and public were flabbergasted, to put it mildly, over the severity of the penalty imposed on Art Aragon by Judge Herbert V. Walker for allegedly bribing boxer Dick Goldstein. The sentence was one to five years in the State prison.

Letters poured into the sports columnists, the vast majority condemning the harshness of the sentence. Sports-editor Sid Zig of the Mirror-News says that his letters ran in the ratio of 100 to 2, in Aragon's favor.

Ziff points out that Aragon must pay for his crime almost in the same degree as a man named Walter Borchers who shot and killed his girl friend a couple of months ago and got off with one to 10.

(Remember, the Aragon-Goldstein fight, scheduled for San Antonio, never came off!)

A letter in the TIMES, written by a Pasadena housewife, points out that just recently four young gangsters were sentenced 1 to 10 years for manslaughter, having killed a man. "Art Aragon" she writes, "is sentenced one to five years on questionable evidence for an alleged attempt to fix a fight."

Aragon's lawyers, Paul Caruso and Jules J. Covey, have carried the fight to the Court of Appeals.

Columnist Mel Durslag, of the EXAMINER, quotes Attorney Caruso to the effect that Goldstein's service record, in the Marines, reveals him to be named Ryszard Matuszewski. He said his parents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matuszewski, of 1520 13th Street, Seattle.

Goldstein had previously stated that he knew nothing of the whereabouts of his parents, and told a harrowing tale of hardships suffered in Buchenwald. He had informed local scribes that he was separated from his parents in a Warsaw Ghetto and presumed they had died in a Nazi oven.

Again, the service record disclosed that Goldstein or Matuszewski had listed his religion as Catholic when he joined the Marines.

Lawyer Caruso points out that Goldstein served two months and 11 days in the Marines, and was let out on a disability discharge. "We intend to prove", said Caruso, "that Aragon was convicted on the testimony of a perjuror."

▶Fresh from Buffalo, Irish Bobby Scanlon, 21, weight 131, put an end to the career of Davey Gallardo, L.A., 135, at the Olympic Auditorium, by stopping him in the 6th round of a one-sided scrap. Immediately after the fight, Gallardo announced his permanent retirement.

It was Scanlon's 23rd win in 24 pro starts. He is undefeated, for he boxed a draw in the only scrap in which his hand wasn't raised. An impressive debut for the youthful Buffalonian. So goes it in boxing: one star rises, another sinks. A few years ago Davey was an overnight sensation when he whipped then top-ranking Percy Bassett in Washington, a fight that was nationally televised.

In the semi, slated for six, Jimmy Feaster, 136½, scored a sensational one-round KO over Joe Chavez, 138½. Left hooks floored Chavez twice, the second time for the full count.

The fours: Johnny Hobart, 181, dec. Richard Wilburn, 177; Clyde Nettles, 127, TKO (3) over Al Rocha, 129½.

▶In a bruising lightweight brawl, Tommy Tibbs, Boston, 130½, won a split 10-round decision over 19-year old Paul Armstead, 129, former high school track athlete, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Here's how the officials voted:

Judge Lee Grossman, Armstead, 98-95; he was out-voted by Referee Frankie Van, 96-94 and Judge Jimmy Wilson, 97-95, both for Tibbs.

The chunky Bostonian had too much experience for his youthful foe.

In the six-round semi, Jimmy Lassiter, 131, scored the unanimous verdict over Candy Lopez, 130. The fours: Jimmy Jackson, 139, TKO (3) over Joe Smyer, 138; Boots Monroe, 124, KO (2) over Joe Nobleza, 121½; and Johnny Hobart, 183, dec. Richard Wilburn, 178.

▶Know these guys?—Al Weill, Joe Louis, Tommy Walsh, Jack Hurley, Leo Leavitt and last (probably least, too!) Bill Miller. All of us are associated in one way or another, with Abe Saperstein, the world-renowned basketball impresario. Seems as how Abe likes fight men, what? Weill and Louis recently promoted a Harlem Globetrotter game in Washington; Walsh and Leavitt are advance men; Hurley is working the Seattle territory for the World Series, and I'm handling L.A. and vicinity.

▶Though outpunched in nearly every exchange throughout the ten rounds, veteran campaigner El Conscripto of Mexico City used his experience to keep young Willie Morton of San Jose from extending any of his sharp rallies. Morton won by a 99-91 point score in the main event at The Auditorium in San Jose. Weights: Morton, 142; Conscripto, 141.

Promoter Don Chargin's gross gate was approximately $1500.

There was a pair of six-rounders. Andy Domebo, 184, San Jose, decisioned Art Wright, 185, of Detroit. Dom Sacco, 133, Decoto, outpointed Al Gariby, 137, of Salinas. Raul Murillo, 116, dec. Jake Avila, 118, in 4.

▶Seldom does a young boxer, who has lost but one in 14, announce his retirement, especially when he is still listed as the top drawing card in a thriving boxing center like Richmond, Calif. But that is what welterweight Lyle Mackin decided to do. Recently his win streak was broken when Mel Ferguson of Los Angeles took a lopsided decision over Mackin.

▶During the past year invading Los Angeles battlers have been specializing in ending long victory strings of Northern California favorites. But the charm did not work for Frank Jennings when he came to Stockton and tried to spoil the 14-win streak of hometowner Leo Agbulos. Agbulos knocked Jennings down three times in the third before putting him away for keeps in that session. Weights: Agbulos, 138; Jennings, 137.

Jennings was substituting for another Angeleno, Joe Smyer, who was nursing an eye cut.

The gross gate, far below average for Stockton, was $1600.

Joe Boy Charles, 137, former Air Force and Golden Gloves champion from Berkeley, won a decision over Abe Nance, 140, of Stockton. This was a ten rounder.

Prelims: Joe Neal, 164, KO'd Blackie Morales, 163, in 2; Jim Mackey, 144, dec. Jimmy Duval, 142, in 4.

▶Aided by a hefty edge in weights, Kid Anahuac, Mexico's No. 1 feather, 126, scored the unanimous verdict over Billy Peacock, 120½, before a sellout house at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Gross gate was $24,367, with attendance announced as 6,100.

All three of the officials turned in identical score-cards: an oddity, indeed! Referee Mushy Callahan, Judges George Latka and Tommy Hart all saw it 97-89.

In addition to the decision, Anahuac got the better of the pay-off, too: his purse was $6,899.30, and Peacock's, $5,837.87. Wily George Parnassus, who booked Anahuac, gave Peacock a guarantee of $4,000. or privilege of 27½ percent. Anahuac gambled and got 30 percent.

Our State Athletic Commission allegedly frowns on the policy of a fighter's manager taking the "house" and guaranteeing the opponent. I see nothing criminal about this; in fact, I've done it myself a few times, 20 years ago or so, when I was managing fighters.

Peacock suffered quite a bit of damage physically, as well as professionally. The Mexican ace fought from a southpaw stance the last half of the fight and this didn't help Peacock, either. There was one knockdown; Anahuac scored it in the 6th heat with a left to the chops.

In the six-round semi, undefeated Frankie Belma, 145, grabbed the unanimous verdict over Charlie Rogers, 139½.

The fours: Abe Villa, 115, TKO (4) over Pico Campo; Orlando Di Pietro, 168, (KO 4) over Charlie Earl, 170½, and Cal Houston, 167, KO (2) over Buddy Young, 166.

▶Anahuac's win has made him the toast of our big Latin populace. Peacock has wrought havoc amongst fighters of Mexican blood in the past; his best (or worst!) feat being that kayo over Raton Macias.

▶Undefeated Jimmy Palazzola, 164, is still undefeated following his unanimous decision over Joe Shaw, New York, 162, but he didn't fatten his prestige much in the process. The fight was staged at the Olympic Auditorium; it was Palazzola's 23rd victory.

Shaw's record, to put it charitably, does not entitle him to posterity. However, he fought hard in this one, and it was only a desperate rally by Palazzola in the final round that enabled him to walk off with all three votes.

Referee Mushy Callahan saw it 96-94; Judge Russ Bradford, 97-94 and Judge Frank Holborrow, 99-95. There was a bit of booing over the verdict.

Joe Shaw, (same name but no relation) 135, scored the unanimous decision over Amado Martinez in the six-round semi. The fours: Willie Gilbert, 166, dec. Glen Rogers, 165; and Eddie Gilbert, 146, dec. Questa Walker, 141.

▶Alfredo Escobar's unblemished record is still thataway, thanks to his split decision triumph over Herman Duncan at Hollywood Legion Stadium. The 22-year old Duncan was making his debut as a main-eventer, and did very well for a kid who has never gone beyond the four-round route, prior to this one. Escobar, 128; Duncan, 127½.

Referee Dynamite Jackson saw it even-Stephen, 95-95; he was overruled by the two judges, George Latka and Charlie Randolph, who voted 96-92 and 97-93, respectively.

Escobar's left jab, his best weapon, enabled him to pile up an early lead, but Duncan came strong in the 6th and 7th to make things almost even. In the final heat, Duncan had the edge, and it was probably that round which induced ol' Dynamite to call it a draw.

The semi-final, scheduled for six, between DeWitt Lewis, 150 and Ike Jenkins, 152½ was curtailed, due to an accidental butt in the second round in which Jenkins suffered a bad gash. Referee George Latka stopped the fight; the official verdict was "technical draw", 2 rds.

The fours: Eddie Gilbert, 148½, draw with Joe Garza, 151; Jorge Vasquez, 142, dec. Tommy Raven, 141½; and Andy Solis, 137, technical draw with Danny Dugan, 140, in Round 1.

▶Mexico's greatest boon to the box-office, little Pajarito Moreno, scored his alleged 32nd knockout in 34 starts at the San Francisco Cow Palace, when he sent Gaetano Annaloro of Italy to the showers in the fifth round. Moreno, 126½, Annaloro, 124½.

A crowd of 6,073 paid $23,145 gross to see the shindig, with Moreno getting a guarantee of $7,500, and Annaloro about $4,000.

I said "alleged" 32nd knockout at the risk of offending my readers of Mexican blood. The 1957 Ring Record Book (if you don't have one, send in your $7.75 to Nat Fleischer pronto!) on page 620, lists 28 fights for Moreno, of which he won 25 by knockout, lost two, Memo Diez and Nacho Escalante, and boxed a technical draw, 2 rounds, with Kildo Martinez.

Since Mr. Fleischer lists names, dates and places, I prefer to accept his figures. Any objections? Over-ruled.

You'll find Annaloro's record on page 747, same book. The 33-year old Italian suffered severe punishment; an A. P. photo, taken after the fight, gave me the heebie-jeebies. Wounds and all, he was grinning. Probably thinking of that four grand touch.

Net gate was $20,029. Benny Ford promoted.

▶Everyone who saw the furious fight between Mickey Northrup, 135½ and Joe Abasta, 138, at the Olympic Auditorium, agreed that it was a corker. But there were many who didn't agree with the split decision verdict to Northrup.

Referee Frankie Van called it a draw, 93-93; Judge Dynamite Jackson voted 98-92 for Northrup, and Judge Reg Gillmore saw it the same way by the score of 99-93.

A rematch is in prospect. This one was a thriller all the way.

In the six-round semi, Reuben Wilson, 196, was credited with taking every round from his ponderous opponent, Joe Sandell, 229. He got the unanimous verdict.

The fours: Phil Venegas, 137, dec. Danny Dugan, 137½; Abe Villa, 115, TKO (3) over Nick Sanders, 117.

RECORD BOOK ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

On Page 755, in Brian Bennett's record, delete June 1, 1956 fight with Dick White.

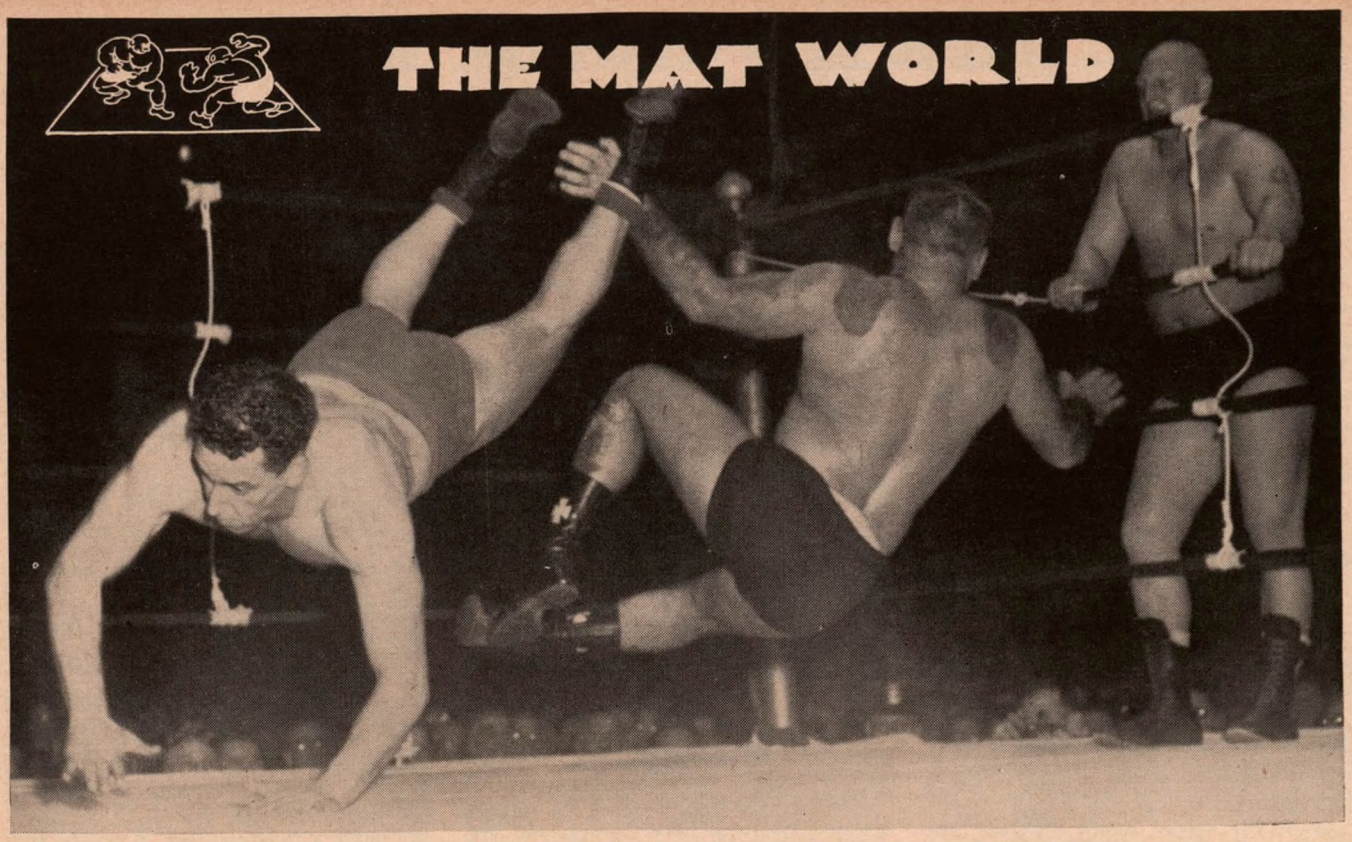
On Page 602, in Claudio Martinez's record, change Oct. 16, 1955 fight with Goyo Castenada from KO by 3 to KO 3.

On Page 697, in Willie Stevenson's record, delete reference to previous record. This was another fighter.

On Page 663, in Neal Rivers record, delete April 14, 1955 fight with Tombstone Smith.

On Page 691, in Charles (Tombstone) Smith's record, delete April 14, 1955 fight with Neal Rivers.

THE MAT WORLD



Action plus! In recent Madison Square Garden sellout the meanies turned the tables on the nice guys. The tag team of Karl Von Hess and Skull Murphy defeated the pair of Jackie Nichols and Len Rossi. Rossi and Murphy are seen missing each other . . . Von Hess enjoys the byplay while awaiting his turn to get into the act. (Photo by Salas)

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT WORLD

WILBUR SNYDER has been a busy bee exhibiting his wares from Buffalo through Chicago, Milwaukee, Denver and Florida. . . . Received a new type Fan Club Bulletin which to my knowledge is a first of its kind. It incorporates four wrestlers as its honoraries: June Byers, Leon Graham, Jim Grabmire and Bill McDonald. Carol Holmes is the guiding light and is doing a superb job. . . . On information received from Louise Thoeny, President of the Baillargeon Brothers Fan Club and capable editor of its Newsletter, which is one of the best in the country, we wish to add our condolences to the family of Mrs. Connie Somerville, who recently passed away. She and her daughter have been heading up the Lord Layton Fan Club.

Those interested in the world of wrestling should get behind The Wrestling Fan Club Convention to be held in Chicago on June 14 through 16.

Ira Dern, former title holder of the middleweight and light heavyweight classes, passed away at age 63 at Salt Lake City, Utah. . . . John Sewenski, pro wrestler, very popular abroad, stopped off at the Ring office the other day to pass the time of day. Commenting on the current wrestling boom in New York, Scwenski lays the renaissance at the feet of Elvis Presley. Said John: *"Ricky Starr is the guy responsible for the big upsurge in interest and he does the Presley routine of bumps and grinds."* Poor Presley gets blamed for everything.

Judy Glover, up-coming gal wrestler won the five girl wrestle royals at the Biscayne Arena. . . . Paul Anderson, Olympic weight-lifting champion has plans to turn pro. Anderson, who has lifted over 5,000 pounds with a back lift, will entertain at night clubs, county fairs et al.

Senator Estes Kefauver, who used to wrestle as a simon-pure back in his undergraduate days at U of Tennessee, is a pal of Antonino Rocca.

Judy Grable is a blonde, curvacious beauty from Miami, Florida, who operates under the banner of the Buddy Lee stable of lady grapplers. As feminine as she is outside the ring she is twice as rugged as the toughest when inside the squared circle.

THE GREAT SCOTT

The Great Scott is a 225 pounder, standing 6 ft. 1 in., who hails from St. Andrews, Scotland. The big blond is no softy and will meet mayhem with mayhem. He is always ready, eager and willing to settle arguments with his fists, feet or the ring posts.

In an interview, attention was called to the oft quoted remark that Scotsmen

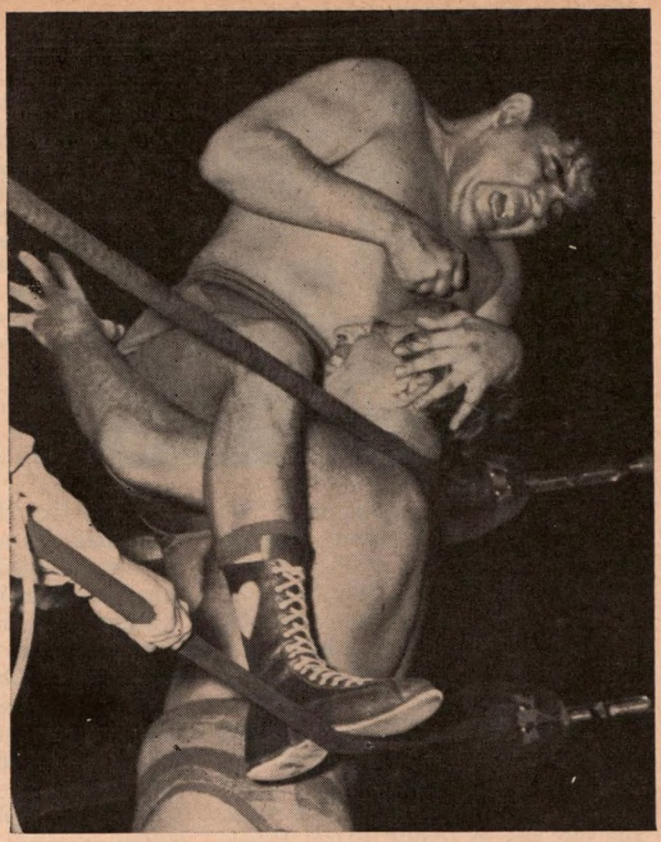
are notoriously tight-fisted. Scott replied: *"I would say I'm more two-fisted than tight-fisted. I know how to use my fists to fight or salt money away in a good Scotch bank. I'm in wrestling because it pays well and I like it. I like to win because that pays well and I like that. The more matches I win the more trips I make to that Scotch bank and I intend to keep on winning if need be with my fists, my feet, or any other way I can."*

Scott is colorful in his resplendent kilts and fancy jacket. An added touch of showmanship is the bagpipes that bleat their tuneful melody announcing the entrance of the Great Scott at ring time.

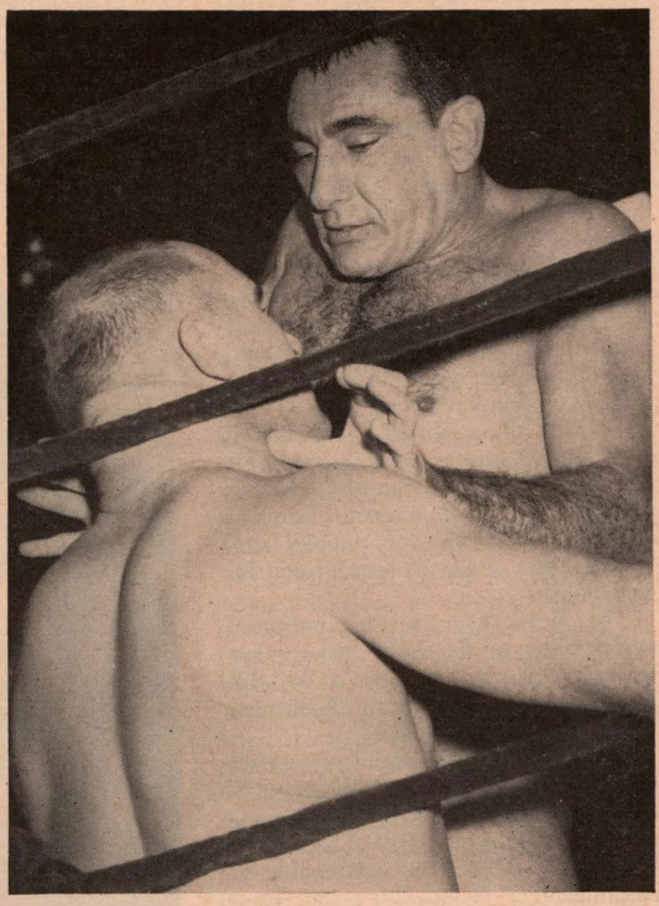
The possessor of a good sense of humor, Scott smiling answered a query as to why he never seemed to take a backward step in the ring. *"Just a Scotch trait,"* he replied, *"I won't give away anything, not even a backward step . . . not even an inch."*

DR. DOMINIC DOGANIERO professional wrestler from Camden, New Jersey is seen almost nightly on Video screens from such mat cities as Baltimore, Wilmington, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Columbus, Chicago, Des Moines. Doganiero, known to his fans and admirers as "The Poet of Wrestling" only recently turned down a fifty thousand dollar cash offer to tour the entire State of Ohio as the Purple Mask, the offer was telephoned from Ohio to Doganiero by Frankie Tallaber mat impressario-promoter; but Dominic Doganiero is investing fifty thousand of his own dollars in a bar-nightclub—THE CLUB DAMON—which will be a cross meeting place of wrestlers, fans, managers, sportswriters, etc. Dr. Dominic Doganiero, a Camden pharmacist, must turn down the generous monetary offer of Frankie Tallaber so as he can open and take care of his brand new wrestler's night club in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Club Damon will be opened on the monies Doganiero earned in the ring. Doganiero is presently on mat tour with the sensational Rick Starr and Doganiero and Starr are seen in many team matches together. Dominic Doganiero says, *"Ricky Starr is the most sensational wrestler in the business, Ricky has that ineffable, indescribable s-o-m-e-*

Don Eagle, a thirty year old veteran who toes the scales around 220 and stands 6' 1" tall. He hails from Caughnawaga, Quebec.



The Great Scott seems to be getting the worst of it as Chief Big Heart pitches a knuckler but the Scotsman transplanted to New Jersey turned the tables on The Chief and won the bout with a body press.



Antonino Rocca, Argentina's gift to wrestling, does a little "knecking" with his Chicago opponent Hans Schmidt. Note thumb pressure against Hans' arteries. Verne Gagne uses similar hold to cause opponents to black out . . . he calls it a "sleeper." Rocca won the fight with a flying kick. (Photo by Salas)

"Tiger" Joe Marsh, far right, swaps yarns with a couple of Sullivans. On left is the genial host of the CBS TV show, Ed Sullivan, and in middle is Twentieth Century Fox's publicity director, another Ed Sullivan.

Elvis Presley, popular wrestler and manager of grappling hypnotist Dr. Jerry Graham, seen in sport jacket as his charge warms up his eye balls by glaring at an opponent. Graham with his blonde hair and superb physique has been wowing the girls in eastern cities.

t-h-i-n-g that nobody can imitate.

Billy Shaw writes from Syracuse, New York:—

The Pedro Martinez-Billy Shaw, Jr. combination continues to draw big crowds with the pro mat sport in War Memorial Auditorium. Nearly 6,000 jammed the beautiful arena to watch Antonino Rocca and Verne Gagne upset Hans Schmidt and Killer Kowalski in a thrill packed tag team match that had the fans standing most of the time. The din was so terrific several female fans fainted and one man was stricken with a heart attack.

Verne Gagne has a big money sideline with a vitamin pill the provides the body with everything it needs. If you could obtain a body like Verne's with these pills he will be a rich man in short order.

Dick The Bruiser showed here, defeating Steve Stanlee in a colorful match. Mike Gallagher went down to defeat at the hands of the colorful and popular Pat O'Connor.

A pool of Central New York wrestling fans showed that Antonino Rocca and Verne Gagne were the two most popular wrestlers to show on the local mat. The most hated—Hans Schmidt, Killer Kowalski and Gene Kisinski . . . and best of all . . . Kisinski only showed once but he aroused enough wrath for the fans to ask Martinez to bring in somebody to "*tear him apart.*" Edouard Carpentier is likewise very popular here.

Bob Utter sends us word from Indianapolis:—

The Zebra Kid kept his unbeaten string going at the local Armory last month when he downed Wild Bill Longson in a grudge match. Each man had recorded a win apiece.

More than 3,000 roaring spectators were on hand to see the Kid, 268, win first honors in 20:45 with a body press over Longson, 246, Salt Lake City, Utah. The Wild Man was unable to continue.

A semi-final scrap saw Ian Campbell, 237, Scotland, being disqualified for laying the hammer on Referee Harry Burris, of Anderson, who took a more severe beating than Campbell's opponent, Billy Darnell, 208, Philadelphia, who was unmarked. The disqualification came after 21:23.

Preliminary matches saw Bob McCune, 237, Des Moines, Ia., win over Irish Mike McGee, 228, Toledo, O., in 15:56 while Toughie Stu Gibson, 230, Louisville, Ky., and Red Lyons, 238, Montreal, battled to a stalemate in the opener.

The card was promoted by Dick Patton.

FAN CLUB CORNER

The response to this corner has been heartening and we shall continue to pass on the clubs and who to contact for those interested.

Hans Schmidt Fan Club, President, Betty Hoover, 128 East Fairview Ave., South Bend 14, Indiana. Rocky Monroe Fan Clubs, President, Zola Ayres, 1528 S. E. Riverside Dr., Evansville,

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Chief Big Heart is a wrestler of no mean ability. He and Dr. Jerry Graham have been carrying on a feud. So far Jerry has the edge in the winner's circle but when they meet watch out . . . for its a groaning affair.

Dave Adams, a senior at Penn State and co-captain of its wrestling team, gets a big hug from his daughter, four-year-old Melinda, after he won the 147 lb wrestling crown at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference meet. Adams paced the Nittany Lions to victory in the meet.

Indiana. Tommy Clark Fan Club, President, Marguret Hall, 119 E. Central, Delaware, Ohio. Archie Turner Fan Club, President, Mary Ortt, 123 Clarmont Ave., Ashland, Ohio. Whipper Watson Fan Club, Co-President, Evelyn Davies, 41 West First St., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

SHORT STORY ON LOU MARTINEZ
By BOB UTTER

Making his home in Chicago, Ill., while in the states, Lou Martinez is Mexican born and a real prospect in professional wrestling circles.

The 20-year-old fireball stands eight inches over the five-foot mark and weighs 215-pounds. He started as a junior heavyweight 200 pounds.

Muscular and plenty of speed, Martinez is known for his dropkick. He also has a fine variety of holds. Lou wanted to be a bull fighter but was persuaded to go into wrestling by an American promoter.

Having only been in the cauliflower sport for about four years, Lou has already met the best. Men like Dizzy Davis, Baron Leone, Hans Schmidt, Dick Afflis and Edmund Francis have found him a tough nut to crack.

Martinez says weightlifting gave him the spectacular body he now possesses. He recently teamed with Seymour Keonig to win the Mid-West tag championship. His ambition is to win the junior heavyweight crown.

His hobbies are listening to classical music and the study of languages. His choice foods are Mexican dishes, the hotter the better. Lou also goes in for steaks. Who doesn't.

WHO IS DON EAGLE?
By VIOLA G. MAY, Washington, D. C.

He is an individualist not to be referred to as "Mr. Average Wrestler". He does not fall into the category of freaks, show-offs or Prima Donnas.

With a carefully planned career from beginning to end, Don Eagle is one of the most travelled wrestling stars of today. Using a few well chosen words he can be best described as artistic, speedy, scientific, as well as sensational, with perfect coordination. Agility and speed were developed while participating in sports. Don won blue ribbons in all track and field events. Excelling in Rugby and Lacrosse, he is skilled and proficient in horseback riding, canoeing, swimming, hockey and fencing. He also plays baseball and softball.

Don took a fling at boxing before his wrestling career. A hand injury, through an accidental shot inflicted by himself while on a hunting trip, ended his successful boxing career. He won the heavyweight division of the Golden Gloves fights in Cleveland in 1945. Later he won 22 pro-bouts of which 17 were won by K.O.

For the past ten years, summer and winter, indoors or out, Don wrestles to capacity houses.

A Mohawk brave from the Caughnawaga Indian Reservation in Quebec, this fast rising star stands 6 ft. 2 in. and weighs 222 lbs. Not yet thirty years old, the Eagle has a bright and promising future.

In a Cleveland arena on May 23, 1950, Don dethroned Frank Sexton, then heavyweight champion, in a bitter, hard fought match. Two years later the title was void when the Illinois A. C. recognized Lou Thesz as world champion.

This famous son was instructed and trained in every detail by his famous father, Chief Joseph War Eagle. From the Chief, Don learned all of the intricate arts of wrestling. Chief War Eagle retired undefeated in 1939 after having held the world's Junior Heavyweight Title by defeating Graham Stockton in Montreal in 1934.

Don is the foremost exponent of foot wrestling. The Chief realized the advantage of an extra pair of hands, trained Don to use his feet when applying holds. By wearing special, hand made moccasins of the softest buckskin, he gets the feel of a hold as one does with the hands. Both Don and the Chief wear authentic costumes of the Mohawk tribe. He wears the Indian ceremonial dancing costume, often thrilling the fans with the welcome dance, hunting dance or war dance, the warrior type worn by Indians years ago going into battle.

The feathers in his war bonnet are genuine eagle feathers. As it is now unlawful to kill an eagle, the feathers are scarce and almost impossible to get. If they can be found, they are quite expensive, costing over $300.00 to make the costume. That is why he refuses many requests for a souvenir feather. Many of the eagle feathers are hundreds of years old, having been handed down from generation to generation. Therefore, the war bonnets and costumes are precious and priceless heirlooms.

The authentic warlock is worn by the Mohawk tribe. With his bronzed coloring and perfect physique, Don portrays a classic picture of an Indian Brave. He is unsurpassed in breaking and avoiding holds by his opponents. Most famous in his repertoire of holds is the "Indian Deathlock". Where most wrestlers use their feet, Don uses his hands, thereby leaving his feet free to assist with a press, as well as a submission hold.

Don enjoys traveling in his luxurious trailer. He often stops at an interesting location, removes his canoe from atop the trailer and paddles for relaxation. Swimming and skin diving take up portions of his spare time.

He owns many pets—two horses and five sled dogs are among the most outstanding.

Other than wrestling in Canada, Don has always remained in the United States.

Of the veterans, Frederick Von Schact was his toughest and roughest opponent, ditto Edmund Francis of the younger set.

Educated on the reservation, Don speaks Indian and English fluently. He speaks very little French.

Many Canoe Clubs have failed to navigate the famous Lachine Rapids near Montreal. This feat was achieved four times by Don and his cousin, Running Horse, another well known Indian wrestler. Billy Two Rivers, is also a cousin.

On the human interest side: Don has a great affection for youngsters and spends spare time visiting orphanages and children's hospitals. During the summer months, the Eagle maintains a summer camp on the reservation for groups of underpriveleged children.

THIS IS DON EAGLE.

Harold Walsh writes from Cleveland

Jack Ganson, popular local wrestling promoter died of cancer recently. Jack started wrestling on the Pacific Coast in 1921, was Olympic champion in 1924. After a long career he entered the promotion field and was very successful in Cleveland, San Francisco, Buffalo and other cities. He was a Lithuanian and his real name was John Karabinas.

THE WRESTLING WORLD
By ED BRIGGS

The powerful Baillaregon brothers, Adrian and Paul, are the proud owners of the World Tag Team Championship, heavyweight division, pinning Ernie and Emil Dusek of Nebraska at the Winterland Arena in San Francisco. . . . Death struck the wrestling world in February when Mrs. Nona Pfieffer of San Diego, Calif., passed away in her home in the southern California city. Mrs. Pfeiffer, one of the staunchest boosters of professional wrestling, was a fan and friend of wrestling for many years. Known and admired throughout the world, she will be greatly missed by her many friends . . . Ray Torres and his brother Enrique make up one of the finest scientific brother tag teams since the hey day of George and Bobby Becker. In six man brawls they choose sensational Ronnie Etchison, the giant swing star, as their partner . . . Al Dermer, veteran west coast promoter in Fresno (Calif.) continues to bring top notch talent to the raisin capital . . . Ed and Bill Miller are showing their wares in Canada. . . .

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RATINGS

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10. Pedro Gonzales decisioned Jesse Gray, 10. Jimmy Martinez decisioned Rocky Caballero, 10.

Ralph (Tiger) Jones edged out Chico Vejar, 10. German champion Peter Muller whipped Mickey Laurent, 10. Al Williams won from Milo Savage, 10.

Richard Kelly kayoed Perry Wilson, 4. Sugar Boy Nando stopped Sam Langford, 8. 35-year-old French Champion Gilbert Lavoine whipped 36-year-old Kid Dussart, 10. Fernando Spallotta defeated Rinzi Nocero, 8. Rudy Jimenez stopped Gabriel Barragan, 6. Eddie Smith won over Dalfus Brown, 6. Michel Diouff whipped Jo Janssens, 10, Jimmy Palazzola outpointed Joe Shaw, 10.

Dick Lane won over Mickey Rhodes, 10. Marion Hunter won from Bobby Barnes, 6. Joe DeNucci kayoed Charles Smith, 2. Dave Marvel stopped Bobby Banks, 6.

Terry Rindal won from Ray Wells, 6. Yvon Turenne upset Jackson Brown, 6.

Rudy Sawyer stopped Frankie (Kid) Anslem, 2.

Lester Gilliard beat Al McCoy, 6, Al then stopped Columbus Marshall, 7. Charlie Black kayoed Bernie Giron, 2. Spanish Champion Ben Buker II trounced Belgian Champion Bob Stevens, 10. Joe Tomasello and Phil Rizzo drew, 6. Willie Barboie stopped Walter Holman, 3.

Dave Grant stopped Willie Hartley, 3. Rudy Ellis won from Fred Terry, 6. Cal Houston stopped Henry Bronko, 4. Jimmy Remson kayoed Billy Sinn, 2. Paul Wright outpointed Otis Woodard, 6.

Danny Russo defeated Joe Lissy, 6. Joe Damiami stopped Snowy Boyd, 11. Tony Montano kayoed John Garrett, 2.

Spider McCallum kayoed Billy Huff, 3, and lost to Freddie Mack, 6, both on the same night. Kel Wayne halted J. C. Johnson, 5. Sammy Stone halted Ricco Saunders, 4.

Mickey Brown beat Phil McCoy, 6. Don Horner beat Jimmy Phillips, 6. Otto Smith won from Cisco Halley, 6. Buck Wood stopped Charley Flint, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Tony DeMarco whipped Larry Boardman, 10.

Issac Logart outfought Gil Turner, 10.

Gaspar Ortega stopped Miguel Burciaga, 2, Miguel was also kayoed by Alfredo Cota, 6.

Joe Micelli kayoed Jose Ramon Flores, 6.

Vince Martinez lost to lightweight Ralph Dupas, 10. Reybon Stubbs stopped Chico Varona, 3. Australian and British Empire Champion George Barnes stopped Orient title-holder Somdez Yontrakit, 9. Baby Colan Kayoed Kid Fichique, 4.

British Champion Peter Waterman demolished Siegmund Jarych, 4. European Champion Emilio Marconi outpointed Pierre Hernandez, 10, (non-title). Luciano Gonzalez halted Fidel Hernandez, 9. Bruno Visitin defeated Benny Nieumenhuizen, 12. Roberto Pena halted Armando Maudujano, 6.

Japanese champion Teruo Matsuyama decisioned Teruo Nagafusa, 10, in title bout. Peter King knocked out Frits van Kempen, 8, but in turn was stopped by Al Brown, 7.

Willie Stevenson defeated Wayman Dawson 10. Mickey Crawford outpointed Willie (Kid) Johnson, 8, and Paddy DeMarco, son 10. Mickey Crawford outpointed Willie Baker kayoed Ray Perez, 1. Manuel Rocha kayoed Steve Tony, 7.

Charlie Salas outpointed Tony Russo, 10. Alfonso Flores beat Agustin Rosales, 10. Rosales kayoed Carlos Camacho, 3, and beat Reyes Lopez, 10, then kayoed Tuzo Jimenez, 6.

Everardo Armenta kayoed Fili Montero, 5, and beat Alfredo Cota, 10. Grant Campbell kayoed Dave Cochran, 1. Willie Morton decisioned El Conscripto, 10. Conscripto drew with Juan Padilla, 10, Juan beat Alfredo Cota, 10, and Alvaro Gutierrez, 10.

Chuck Taylor outpointed Leon Rosano, 8. David Cervantes duked Enrique Esqueda, 10, Enrique kayoed Rayo del Sur, 3. Jose Ramon Florse won over Al Barazza, 8.

Eddie Brant beat Ubaldo Ramirez, 10. Kenny Shields defeated Johnny McKoin, 10, Johnny won over Armando Flores, 6. Jimmy Archer defeated Itzy Wallach, 6. Mel Barker halted Danny Cardenas, 4.

Aldo Mente and Rocky Randell drew, 10. Tony Veranis kayoed Danny Jones, 6, Jackie Connelly, 4, and beat Al Duarte, 8. Joe Castaneda beat Luis Vazquez, 10.

Daladier Urista kayoed Kanguyo Martinez, 2. Gomeo Brennan bested Henry Ferguson, 8. Bill Flamio decisioned Phil Morizio, 6. Corrado Mancarella stopped Joe Gaulet, 6. Jesse Jones halted Julian Valdez, 5.

Joe Gilmer kayoed Doug Garrett, 6. Frankie Roche beat Chico Modesto, 6.

Jackie Headon kayoed Sammy Bohn, 3. Abe Nance bested John Milton, 6, but lost to lightweight Joe Boy Charles, 10. Tony DeCola beat Eddie Prince, 6. Tommy Thomas whipped Johnny Wells, 6.

Nardo Parets beat Oscar Campos, 8, and Rolando Rodrgieuz, 8. Frankie Belma beat Charlie Rogers, 6. Chuck Bloss won a kayo in two from Wesley Servance.

Rico Sacramone stopped Bobby Veal, 5. Gerd Muller held Jacques Prigent to draw, 8. Billy Hall and Ronnie Mason drew, 6.

Ken Evans demolished Johnny Schweikert, 5. Billy Todd stopped Les Harrison, 1.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

European champion Duilio Loi kayoed German champion Karl Heinz Bick, 10. (non-title)

Orlando Zulueta edged out Joe Lopes, 10, and Chico Medina, 10.

Kenny Lane halted Danny Davis, 4.

Dave Charnley won the British title by outpointing Joe Lucy, 15.

Carlos Ortiz halted Lou Filippo, 7.

Ralph Dupas upset welterweight Vince Martinez, 10. Mexican champion Baby Vasquez whipped Leo Alonzo, 10. Lahouari Godih won vacant French title by outpointing Hoacine Khalfi, 15.

Al Nevarez decisioned Johnny Gonsalves, 10. Angel Garcia decisioned Fernando Silva, 10. Gene Butler stopped Frankie Ryff, 7, but lost to Steve Ward, 10, Steve drew with Graham Holmes, 10. Tommy Romulo lost to featherweight Flash Elorde, 12.

Jesse Bogard decisioned Orlando Echevarria, 10. L. C. Morgan kayoed Nat Jackson, 4. Beto Gonzales outscored Valentin Rangel, 10.

Bobby Scanlon stopped Dave Gallardo, 6. Mickey Northrup won from Joe Abasta, 10. Winnie Rebolado kayoed Ben Escobar, 7.

Davey Walden decisioned Armand Savoie, 10. Arnoldo Gil won over Julio Escobedo, 10. Tato Menendez kayoed Ike Vaughn, 1, but lost to Teddy Davis, 10. Jimmy Grow outpointed Russ Tague, 8. Tommy Roberts kayoed Earl Clemmons, 3.

Tobe Penaloza outscored Humberto Carrillo, 10, but lost to Apolinar Huerta, 10. Rudy Ortega and Johnny O'Brien drew, 10. Ubaldo Ramirez defeated Manny Delgado, 10. Charley Douglas kayoed Marvin Hickman, 5.

Leo Agbulos stopped Frank Jennings, 3. Joe Reynolds and Don Ward drew, 8. Schoolboy Leyva stopped Baby Rosales, 5. Paulino Montes beat Leo Corrales, 10 and kayoed him in 1, he also kayoed Fili Montero, 9.

Joe Boy Charles bested Abe Nance, 10. Joe Cantu defeated Felipe Sosa, 10. Harry Bell stopped Joey Donovan, 6.

Carlos Barragan and Carlos Arregui drew, 10. Ruben Munoz bested Howard Millsap, 8. Manuel Robles won over Pedro Pina, 10. Luis Buendia decisioned Benny Rodriguez, 8. Jimmy McCoy stopped Al Boudreaux, 1.

Baby Alonzo won over Tony Hernandez, 10. Carlos Marcias defeated Raul Rivera, 10. Floyd East kayoed Sonny Lane, 2, and twice outpointed Bobby Garza, 6. Earl Mathews kayoed Leroy Jones, 1.

Chino Flores lost to Rudy Martinez, 8, then upset Rudy in 8. Domingo Hidalgo kayoed Salvador Ruiz, 9. Frank Campos won from Guadlaupe Miranda, 8. David Camacho scored over Pedro Tostado, 10.

Manolo Luna kayoed Frank Espinoza, 2. Jimmy Hackney and Ernie Williams, drew, 6. Jim Feaster kayoed Joe Chavez, 1. Cesar Morales beat Peewee Sanchez, 6, they then drew, 8. Joe Shaw won from Amado Martinez, 6.

Dom Sacco beat Billy Moore, 6, and Moore stopped Hector Bacuetes, 2. Plummer Willis stopped Jackie Schoen, 3. Panchin Duran kayoed Baby Escalante, 4. Jackie Castellani kayoed Gene Johnson, 2. Frank Roche kayoed Tony Grasso, 4.

Fred Galiana disposed of Karl-Heinz Fiederichs, 3. Dutch Champion Piet van Klaveren survived two knockdowns to outpoint Johnny Mann, 10. Curt Davis beat Roger Etienne, 6. Al Boudreaux won from Nolan Duplessis, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Miguel Berrios won 12-round split decision from Carmelo Costa in elimination bout for vacant title.

British Empire champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey retained title by outpointing Percy Lewis, 15. Gabriel (Flash) Elorde outpointed lightweight Tommy Romulo, 12

Davey Moore upset Gil Cadilli, 10.

Paul Jorgensen outpointed Charlie DeBow, 10, and kayoed Bobby Satchell, 2, Jesse Rodrigues, 2. Jesse kayoed Joe Garza, 5. Kid Anahuac outpointed bantamweight Billy Peacock, 10.

Ricardo Moreno kayoed Gaetano Annaloro, 5. Mexican champion Victor Manuel Quijano kayoed Rodolfo Ramos, 4, and Jimmy Moser, 4. Australian Champion Bobby Sinn outpointed Ken Lawrence, 12. Victor (Sonny) Leon and Puppy Garcia drew, 10.

Roberto Garcia stopped Gildardo Bacho, 4. Ernesto Figueroa won from Rudy Garcia, 10. Emilo de la Rosa and Angel Guerrero fought a no contest, 9. Gracieux Lamperti acquired vacant French title by knocking out Andre Valignat, 1. Baby Brown kayoed Willie Tomada, 3. Rudy Coronado halted Luis Gutierrez, 8.

Nacho Rosales decisioned Lauro Garcia, 8. Lucio Gonzalez kayoed Carlos Loyola, 5. Jackie Trillana won from Paulito Escarlan, 10. Vince Delgado scored over Ernesto Parra, 10. Fidel Lucero won from Luis Contreras, 10. Manuel Armenteros kayoed Manuel Cardenas, 3, and won from Julio Escobedo, 10.

Alfredo Iscobar outpointed Herman Duncan, 10. Tommy Tibbs outpointed Paulie Armstrong, 10. Chebo Vazquez bested Cuarvo Terraza, 10.

Jimmy Calcutt beat Johnny Ace Hand, 10. Lucio Torres beat Tony Alamillo, 10. Felipe Novelo kayoed Neon Kid, 3. Junior Flores kayoed Lefty Perez, 5.

Joey Reyes and Joaquin Carrillo drew in 10, (twice). Paul Pacheco beat Henry Watson, 6. Roberto Ortega beat Chino Gomez, 10. Bobby Soares won from Ray McNeil, 6; Ray then reversed it in, 6.

Oscar Ortegon beat Elias Reyes, 8, and Ernest Ramos, 6. Henry Macias halted Kid Avina, 10. Rudy Valdez kayoed Gustavo Carrera, 7. Indio Conde bested Lalo Camarena, 10, and stopped Eduardo Almazan, 3. Manuel Varela kayoed Eloy Pereira, 5. Prince Johnson won from Bobby Spencer, 6.

Heliodoro Hernandez defeated Solache Garcia, 10, then lost to Kid Avina, 10. Alejandro Acosta won over Modesto Maduro, 6. Hilario Morales and Alfredo Urbina drew, 8. Flash Menny deefated Frisco Concepcion, 10. Spanish Champion Manolo Garcia whipped welterweight Emilio Orozco, 8.

Primo Corpus and Baby Navan drew, 8. Giordano Campari edged out Aldo Pravisani, 10. Pravisani came back to decision Letterio Petilli, 10.

Jean Sneyers was easy winner over Mohamed Omari, 10. Felipe Payan stopped Chano Acosta, 2. Jean Renard acquired Belgian title by stopping Aime Devisch, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Undefeated Alphonse Halimi scored his 19th straight win as he outpointed Mario D'Agata to win world bantamweight title, 15.

Leo Espinosa retained his Orient title by outpointing Masakazu Otsuka, 12. Otsuka outpointed Little Cezar, 10.

Billy Peacock lost to featherweight Kid Anahuac, 10. Joe Becerra defeated Joe Medel, 10, and kayoed Juan Perez, 4. Javier Garfias kayoed Mike Cruz, 8. Tanny Campo won from Juan Lopez Durban, 10, but lost to Jose Luis Martinez, 8. Martinez also whipped Juanito Gonzales, 10.

Fili Nava outscored Antonio, Coria, 10. Jose Lopez kayoed Babe Lopez, 4, and Paul Felix, 8. Jose Luis Mora kayoed Chuy Rodriguez, 1. Gildardo Bacho won from Cachorro Meza, 10. David Rodriguez won over Manuel Rodriguez, 10, and kayoed Percy Lightburn, 4, while Manuel won from Chuy Guerrero, 10.

Tanny Campo stopped Jose Ozazon, 7.

Panama champion Melvin Bourne retained his title by outpointing Toto Ibarra, 15.

Kid Irapuato won from Kid San Martin, 10. Raul Leanos beat Roque Fernandez, 10. Pat Supple kayoed Henry Miramontes, 1. Marcelo Gonsalez upset Ramon Cervantes, 10. Kid Chick and Charlie DeBow drew, 6.

Ernesto Castaneda defeated Memo Sanchez, 10. Frankie Duran beat Paul Estrada, 6. Chiquis Rosales kayoed Cuyo Nunez, 6. Alberto Martinez beat Chango Ceballos, 10.

Avelino Felix beat Manuel Rojas, 10. Chocolate Barrera won from Jorge Salazar, 10. Eduardo Guerrero decisioned Heriberto Saucedo, 6.

Huesito Gonzalez stopped Orlando Rodriguez, 6. Bobby Robles defeated Joe Arias, 8. Dick White stopped Peter Elston, 3.

Pierre Cossemyns whipped Michel Lamora, 10. Abe Villa kayoed Pico Campos, 4, and Nick Sanders, 3. Oaxaca Kid beat Luis Trejo, 6. Ray Ruiz won over Guillermo Gonzalez, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champion Pascual Perez retained his title by kayoing British Empire champion Dai Dower, 1.

Ramon Arias won the Venezulian title by outpointing Ramon Calatayud, 12. Hitoshi Misako outpointed Akitoshi Sugisaki, 10.

Mario De Leon beat Nacho Escalante, 10. Roque Fernandez lost in 10 to Raul Leanos and Jorge (Pulga) Herrera kayoed bantamweights Percy Lightburn, 4, and Dusty Brown, 4. Lightburn was also kayoed by Joe Medel, 4. Joe lost to bantam Joe Becerra, 10. Marcial Galicia kayoed Zurdo Arce, 5. Zurdo kayoed Miguel Garcia, 9.

Henry Gutierrez kayoed Chocolate Alvarez, 2. Toro Padilla defeated Adrian Rojas, 8. Larry Pineda defeated Young Aquino, 12.

Robert Pollazon retained French title by drawing with Andre Gasperini, 15. Small Dave drew with Paul Sebastain, 6.

Nestor Checa drew with Little Romulo, 6. La Trigue beat Armando Jaques, 6. Baby Independence beat Rudy Alcantara, 6.

ELIMINATION TOURNEYS

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from Hurricane Jackson in New York. Then the only thing to do was to bracket him with Archie Moore, who had been the last challenger to face Rocky and who had achieved some distinction by flooring him in the second round, though knocked out in the ninth. The finale late last year in Chicago, put Patterson in the regal seat on a five-round knockout.

The middleweights once had a championship dispute that last 10 years. Rival eliminating by the NBA and New York was responsible.

It began when Mickey Walker gave up the title in 1931. The NBA tournament draped a mantle over Gorilla Jones, New York's tournament acknowledged Ben Jeby as its kingpin.

Through the Thirties, the battle went on. The NBA, in order, had Marcel Thil, then Freddie Steele, Al Hostak, Solly Krieger, Hostak again and Tony Zale. New York went for Lou Brouillard, Vince Dundee, Teddy Yarosz, Babe Risko, Freddie Steele (though New York later abandoned him), Fred Apostoli, Ceferino Garcia, Ken Overlin and Billy Soose.

Soose quit the division in 1941 and the fog lifted when New York agreed with the NBA that the winner between Georgie Abrams, who'd beaten Soose three for three, and Zale would be acceptable. Zale was that winner.

The middleweights popped up again with a tournament after Sugar Ray Robinson's later aborted retirement. However, everybody was in harmony on recognition as Bobo Olson beat Paddy Young and then Randy Turpin.

It will be remembered that Robinson's first championship, the welter, emerged from a title-vacating. Marty Servo, due to defend against Sugar, claimed a nose injury in training. The New York Commission pressed Al Weill, his manager, for a new date. When Weill refused to single out one, the commission announced: *"The title's open, anybody can fight Robinson for it."* But Sugar's reputation was so fearsome all of the name welters backed away. Only fighter to pick up the offer was Tommy Bell, an outsider. Bell gave Robinson a rough evening, having him on the floor, but Ray's class told for a victory in 15.

When Robinson moved up to the middleweights, those sparring partners, the NBA and New York, had more fun. Kid Gavilan got by with the NBA by licking Johnny Bratton, who had eliminated Charlie Fusari, but Gavilan had to win from Billy Graham before New York accorded the crown to the Keed.

Another classic hitch occurred among the lightweights when Sammy Angott, who retired and un-retired as he pleased, first stepped down.

New York quickly processed Beau Jack on a knockout of Tippy Larkin in 1942 and stayed strictly to itself as Bob Montgomery and Beau traded the title back and forth.

Meanwhile the returned Angott set in motion an NBA tournament, which saw the title go to Juan Zurita and to Ike Williams. Ike, a peak puncher in those days, went to re-unify the crown by blasting out Montgomery in 1947.

Featherweight-fussing had been protracted in the late Twenties and Thirties, following Johnny Dundee's exit.

For a time Tony Canzoneri, New York's representative, cleared it up by beating Benny Bass, NBA titleholder, but it flamed again as Kid Chocolate became New York boss and Freddie Miller the NBA favorite.

The separate ways then were, for New York, Petey Sarron, Henry Armstrong (Armstrong moved up), Joie Archibald, Harry Jeffra, Archibald again, Chalky Wright and Willie Pep; for the NBA, Pete Scalzo, Richie Lemos, Jackie Wilson, Jackie Callura, Phil Terranova and Sal Bartolo.

All such tangles eventually come to an end, as this one did when Pep stopped Bartolo in New York in 1946.

Complications of a similar nature have come and gone from time to time among the bantams and flyweights. In fact, at this moment, the NBA is upholding Raul (Raton) Macias of Mexico as bantam champ against newly crowned Alphonse Halimi of North Africa, who took the title from Mario D'Agata of Italy. Halimi has New York's backing and also that of the European and other world organizations. His claim has more value, since the important fights among little fellows generally take place outside of this country.

Returning to the featherweights, the events surrounding Sandy Saddler's retirement earlier this year presage a brighter and a better day for eliminations.

After a couple of early misunderstandings, the NBA and New York squared away on a program of succession which was harmonious with that suggested by the Europeans.

Miguel Berrios and Carmelo Costa met in an American quarter-final, with Berrios winning. A semi-final with Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria followed and, after that, a final between the winner and Cherif Hamia of France. Hamia owed his bye to victories over Berrios, Costa and Ike Chestnut, another American contender, last year.

Basically, this inclusive featherweight tournament represents common sense and co-operation. If it automatically could be superimposed on all situations which arise in the future, boxing would be in great shape. The trouble is that it might not be feasible.

In this instance, the pairings created logical matches which had appeal. But conjure, for example, a bedevilment where the top rated fighters are not the most interesting. Do you ram them down the public's throat? And do you tell the sponsor that he should lay out dough for such fights because it is for the good of the game etc.?

Then, to be practical, let's not say that all title vacancies have to be filled with inclusive tournaments. There easily could be a development where you'll have only two intriguing contenders. The better course might be to tell those two to fight and, with a champion established, it would be less difficult to bring on the able but colorless challenger.

Yes, for filling title vacuums we don't merely need bigger tournaments, we need intelligently-planned ones. The best rule of all is to be flexible, to meet each problem as judgement dictate.

NEWS FROM JUAREZ

By Francisco J. "Pancho" Montes

Right now we have three clubs staging shows in Juarez every week. Here are the results on the last shows:

JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM—DAVID CERVANTES, 145, Mexico City, won by disqualification over GILBERTO HOLGUIN, 142, El Paso, in the third round.

Ray Terrazas, 146, El Paso, won by T. K. O. over Joe Dominguez, 149, Juarez, in the sixth of the semifinal event.

Felipe Uribe, 128, El Paso, and Memo Leaños, 129, Torreon, fought a terrific four round draw.

▶ JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM.—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 126, Mexico City, did not look very impressive winning over Paul Felix, 122, San Francisco, in the 8th round by K.O.

Baby Luna, 133, Zacatecas, won over Raul "Baby" Anchondo, 135, Chihuahua City in a six rounder.

Tuzo Bolis, 125, Zacatecas, won over Rodrigo Dueñas, 125½, Torreon in a very good four rounder.

Hector Lara, 146, Mexico City, won by K.O. in the 2nd. over Carlos Chavira, 142, Juarez.

Raul Tarango, 128, El Paso, won over Baby Salinas, 126, Juarez, K.O. in the first round.

JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM—Joe Becerra, 119, Guadalajara, a promising lad who has a very impressive record, disposed easily of Juan "Lefty" Perez, 122, Corpus Christi, in the fourth round.

Larry Baker, 150, New York, won by K.O. in the first round over Ray Perez, 157, El Paso. Perez looked terrible and completely out of shape.

AUDITORIUM MUNICIPAL JUAREZ—Chebo Hernandez, 161, Juarez, won as he pleased over Jorge Castro, 156, Mexico City. The number 9th middleweight of the world showed that he is the best in Mexico as he won very easy over the Champion of Mexico. The title was not at stake.

DEMING DOINGS

By Paco Gandarilla

About the only active boxing club in New Mexico is at Deming. Mike Tarazon, former boxer, now a member of the Deming Police Dept., has kept things going for several years now, with his Golden Gloves teams, and professional promotions. One local boxer who is going places, Henry Gutierrez was responsible for filling the Armory.

Marcelino Vargas, 128, won over Francisco Davila, 126, in 4. Freddie Rodriguez, 127, split decisioned Daniel Chico, 125, in 4. Sal Fierro, 129, decisioned Mike Gyala, 126, in 4. Henry Gutierrez, 135, defeated Jesus Estrada, 135, in 6, and Felipe Uribe, 126, won over Ramon Rodriquez, 126, in a sixer.

THE LOUIS LEGEND BEGAN

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broke.

Ask Willie Pep, who made a fortune in the ring, and who is down to fighting for peanuts because, when he had it, he took a court jester and a flock of vultures with him, everywhere.

Ask Ray Robinson, who travelled all over Europe with a king's retinue. King's? No. Those people no longer can afford it.

They say *"Easy come, easy go."* Sometimes the dough came easy for Joe. But can it be said, truly, that the cash which comes to a fighter of any degree of skill ever is easy?

Twenty years after he had won the title, Louis looks back at an amazing rise from slums, and discouragement, and a background which promised nothing much more at best, than a tough job at Ford's, or cotton picking, or the ice man's travails which were his at the early age of 12.

In this year of 1957, Joe looks back at a lot of joys and compensations. And he looks back, too, at many mistakes. Mistakes of the heart, and errors born of the picture in which he found himself.

The story of Joe Louis is a familiar one. Yet, this is a good time to go back and trace his career, his rise, his joys and his sorrows. Right up to the consummate moment when the referee counted Jim Braddock out, and Joe became the heavyweight champion of the world, a formidable figure in a dynasty which had given to the division only one previous Negro king, Jack Johnson.

The *"Joe Louis Legend"* embodies a drama truly American. It was on May 13, 1914, that the Barrows, Munn and Lillian, already parents of three sons and a daughter, welcomed Joe.

The Barrows lived in a share cropper's shack outside Montgomery, Alabama. The father was ill, financially desperate. The mother as beaten down by circumstance, by times that were hard, and weevils, and the tough lot of the 1914 Negro in the Dixie backwash.

ON TO DETROIT AND $1 A WEEK LUGGING ICE

Lillian Barrow had no money to spare for toys, for sweets. But she lavished on her progeny loving care, and a lot of names which measured up to the best in the romantic South, still dominated by the stories of Sir Walter Scott.

The girl of the family was Dulcinea. One brother was Alvanis, another De Leon, a third Leonardo.

When Joe came upon the scene, Lillian finally had been forced to accept the fact that the world was not a romantic panorama of Scott, and fancy names. There was hard work to be done, in years that were certain to be rugged and wearing. So she said, *"This one is Joseph, plain Joe. I've run out of fancy names and fight."*

Joe Louis was only five years old in 1919. The first World War had ended. Times were slack. The demand for cotton was weak. Munn was *"plumb beat."*

Lillian and Munn decided that the share cropper's annual package of woes and debts no longer was for them. So they got on a bus and headed for the city of the automobile, the city of work, Detroit. The four boys were sent to school, Lillian and Sis found work and good wages.

Joe got himself a side job, lugging ice, which paid $1 a week. A hunk of Golconda, a vision of the Comstock Lode. A real dollar!

TRADE SCHOOL PAL GOT JOE INTERESTED IN RING

Joe Louis, in his Detroit years, was not a Gang Boy. He was quiet, well behaved, never a plague for his mom. But neither was he a sissy. If there was a fight to be fought, he accepted the gage. His shoulders were broad and his biceps were tough and the boys of the neighborhood learned to stay away from "that Barrow kid."

Joe was 14 when Lillian determined to make something of him. She got the Bronson Trade School to take him on as a future cabinet maker.

Also learning the trade with Joe was a youngster named Thurston McKinney. He was a 145 pounder in amateur competition, representing the Detroit A.C.

Now Joe was 16. McKinney asked him to come to the gym one night, and spar with him. The Barrow boy had nothing else to do. He went.

Joe knew next to nothing at all about boxing. His pal cuffed him around and then took the liberty of hurting him. Joe got sore. He hauled off with a righthander that knocked McKinney silly, almost to the floor.

McKinney said, *"Joe, you could make a fighter. You can hit, you could learn how to handle yourself. If you made good as an amateur, you could turn pro, and there's big money in the business. You know that."*

Joe was 19 when he was recruited by the Detroit A.C., as a light heavyweight. He weighed 170 pounds.

Came a tournament in the Edison Auditorium in Detroit, and Joe was entered. The officials picked no soft touch for his debut. His opponent was one Joe Miler, who had been in the ring for three years and had won seven tournaments.

43 KNOCKOUTS IN 54 FIGHTS AS AN AMATEUR

Joe's handler told him not to fool around. So he hauled off with that right, and Miler went tumbling to the canvas.

Miler then proceeded to give the tyro a lesson. Joe was knocked down more times than he can remember. He came home with his face pummeled and his eyes closed. Lillian was glad. She figured this would be the end of his boxing aspirations.

But Joe went back to the gym, and mom had to resign herself to letting her young son become a fighter.

A real fighter, Joe did become. He knocked out fourteen opponents in succession.

Joe then got a setback, and was whipped by the more experienced Clinton Bridges. But he went back with more determination than ever.

In the national championships in Boston, Joe Louis was beaten by Max Marek, Notre Dame football player.

Joe put on a comeback and won six in a row, only to catch another Tartar in one Evans. Joe had been neglecting his training and counting too heavily on his crushing right.

The defeat by Evans was the last suffered by Louis until he was knocked out by Max Schmeling in the twelfth round on June 19, 1936, in the Yankee Stadium.

Louis's amateur career consisted of 54 fights, in which he scored 43 knockouts. He won seven fights by decision, lost four.

BLACKBURN HIS TEACHER AS JOE GOES IN FOR DOUGH

A summation of Joe's entire career shows 125 fights, with 97 knockouts, and several hundred knockdowns. So many of Joe's opponents hit the deck that he became somewhat blase in such circumstances.

The writers said, *"He stops a man*

without any apparent interest, no elation. He has the true killer instinct."

The fact was, Joe had become so accustomed to belting fighters out that he took such results as a matter of course.

Joe eventually got tired of fighting for medals and merchandise certificates.

George Moody, his trainer, introduced him to John Roxborough, Detroit lawyer, and things began to look up for the husky kid from Alabama.

Roxborough first got Joe a job in the Ford plant, at $25 a week. Steady dough, a fortune.

The Roxborough began to get Joe small professional engagements.

Louis had caught the money fever, but bad. He wanted to buy his mom a home. He wanted to make it possible for her to stop working. In these aims, Joseph Barrow was eminently successful.

Roxborough saw in Joe the coming champion of the world. He took Julian Black, Chicago lawyer, into the Louis enterprise as a partner.

Jack Blackburn, onetime ring hero, of the Gans, Dixon, Walcott period, was hired as his coach and trainer, and Joe found himself launched on a professional career.

Joe's professional debut came on July 4, 1934, when he was only 20. He met Jack Kraken, well known in Chicago circles, at Bacon Casino. Joe stopped his man in two minutes, and got $59 for his end.

In fact, that was the entire purse. Roxborough said, *"Give this to your ma. I will get mine when we begin to cash in good."*

The following week, Louis stopped Willie Davis in three rounds, and collected $61. This was riches, ease, comfort.

On July 29, Louis invaded the comparatively major league precincts of Marigold Gardens, for eight rounds with Larry Udell. This one was over within five minutes. The prize came to an opulent $101.

Then six rounds with Jack Kranz, for $125. Buck Everett was flattened in the second, for $250.

Now Louis began to get mention in New York papers. And now the time had come for the Big Homecoming. Joe was matched with Alex Borchuk, at the Naval Academy in Detroit. The place was sold out, the excitement was intense, and Joe stopped his man in the fourth. This meant $106.

So it went, as Joe Louis knocked out one fighter after another.

He appeared to be stepping too fast when he took on the clever Stan Poreda. But Stan failed to last a round. Charley Massera was knocked out in the third. Lee Ramage fared no better. This fight meant a purse of $2,200. His managers had begun to cut in.

In his first year as a pro, Joe picked up $4,757 in purses, with ten knockouts and two decisions.

SCHMELING GIVES JOE FIRST SETBACK IN 1936

In 1935, Louis was rushed along at a seemingly unwise gait. But this man was no ordinary fighter to be measured by common standards.

His second year saw him knock out Primo Carnera in four, Max Baer in four more, Paulino Uzcudun in another four.

In 14 fights that year Joe went fewer than 66 rounds, all bouts won by knockouts except ten rounders with Patsy Perroni and Natie Brown.

In 1936, Louis suffered his first setback. He was knocked out by the German Max Schmeling. But Joe made a fast and remarkable recovery.

As heavyweight champion, on June 22, 1938, Joe was to avenge this defeat by stopping Schmeling in the first round, and come very near killing the Uhlan.

In 1937, Louis knocked out Steve Ketchel in two, outpointed Bob Pastor in ten, stopped Natie Brown in four, and then won the title by giving Braddock a terrific beating on a June night in Chicago.

Now it is 1957. Now the man from the share cropper's shack in Alabama is known the world over. But his glories, unforgotten as they must be, are behind him. Now they talk of helping a man who earned nearly $5,000,000 to make a fresh start.

There are poignant, sickening facets to this story. But life is not continually the happy adventure, is it?

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

MIKE HOLT has hit Australia—and Australian champions! Mike is the power-punching middleweight champion of South Africa, who won a very close points decision over Australian and Empire welterweight champ, George Barnes, in South Africa earlier this year. George had Mike on the floor in that fight and, even though conceding many pounds in weight, almost won the fight.

On Barnes' recommendation, Stadiums Ltd. brought Holt to Australia and did they strike a tarter! Mike was matched with our middleweight champion, 19-year-old BILLY McDONNELL, in his debut at Sydney Stadium, and our Billy was outclassed.

The end came in the fifth. Billy hit the floor and Vic Patrick did not bother to count.

Mike then went to Melbourne, where he tangled with our light-heavyweight champion, RICARDO MARCOS, on March 8. He fought in a similar way to what he had done against McDonnell—cautious at first, until he found out that Marcos, like McDonnell, does not carry a K.O. wallop. The fight was over in the third heat.

▶ BENNY NIEUWENHUIZEN, South African welter champion, made his debut against ATTU CLOTTEY, bone-chewing Gold Coast welter, at Sydney Stadium. Benny, on gym form, looked better than his gym-mate, Holt, but he failed to reveal that class. Clottey won very easily, scoring one knockdown and several headaches.

▶ In Brisbane, BOBBY SINN, featherweight champion, outpointed the Englishman, KEN LAWRENCE, in a good fight. Bobby had his eye opened during head clashes and this made him fight harder.

MAXIE CARLOS, Australian Olympic rep, who won his first pro fight, had his second main-event in Brisbane and came good with a five-round K.O. win over RON KROGH.

▶ SAMMY BONICCI, Maltese lightweight, won his return against RUSSELL SANDS, at Sydney Stadium.

▶ In Brisbane, the same night, GRAHAM LAMONT won the vacant Queensland middleweight title by outpointing GLEN CARSBURG over 15 rounds. It was a good fight, but Lamont was definitely superior.

A fortnight earlier, Lamont outpointed STAN REIMER over 12 rounds at the same stadium.

▶ DICK WHITE, racing towards the Australian bantamweight title, had little trouble from New South Welshman, PETER ELLSTON at Brisbane Stadium on March 15. The ref came to Peter's rescue in the third round. Only Johnny Jarrett stands between White and a title shot with Kevin James now.

▶ BILLY TODD, Sydney welter who stands high in our national ratings, had a quick journey to Melbourne. Billy was in the ring just 85 seconds against LES HARRISON—and left the ring walking. Harrison paid two visits to the canvas during the short time he lasted.

▶ KEN EVANS, former Australian amateur champion, made his pro debut in a 12-round bout at Brisbane Stadium on February 15 and stopped JOHNNY SCHWEIKERT in the fifth. Johnny sustained a cut eye. They are welters.

▶ Two light-heavies, each making a comeback, met at Sydney Stadium. They were: AL BOURKE, former middleweight champion of Australia, who had his first bout in years at Adelaide a month ago when he stopped Rudy Crivac, and BRUCE FARTHING, who was making his first stand in 15 months. The winner was Bourke who won by a K.O. in round seven.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. Steele

▶ NORM GAUTREAU, 150, Scrappy Moncton figter, shaded aggresive GASTON ROY, 160, of Quebec in an action-packed ten round bout. The scene was Moncton, N. B. In the under card, JOE THIBEAU was awarded a split decision over KID McINNIS.

FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tborro

Joe Becerra, 118, defeated Joe Medel, 114, in 10. Chebo Vazquez, 125, decisioned Cuervo Terraza, 125, in 8. Roberto Ortega, 128, outpointed Chino Gomez, 133, in 10. Roberto Mar, 118, decisioned Luis Gallegos, 118, in 6. Pedro Ortega, 125, decisioned Rogelio Pacheco, 125, in 4.

▶ Ernesto Castaneda, 118, decisioned Memo Sanchez, 118, in 10. Chocolate Barrera, 117, decisioned Jorge Salazar, 120, in 10. Indio Conde, 128, stopped Eduardo Almazan, 137, in 3. Enrique Castillo, 126, decisioned Apolinar Anaya, 129, in 6. Alfonso Tinajero, 116, outpointed Gume Rodriguez, 123, in 4.

▶ Jose Luis Mora, 117, disposed of Chuy Rodriguez, 119, in 1. Joe Reyes, 124, drew with Joaquin Carrillo, 126, in 10. Luis Buendia, 135, decisioned Benny Rodriguez, 134, in 8. Rosendo Martinez, 124, stopped Joe Gutierrez, 127, in 2. Ray Martinez, 138, decisioned Cecilio Diez, 136, in 4.

▶ Emilio de la Rosa, 125, and Angel Guerrero, 127, were thrown out of the ring in the ninth round of their bout and their record will show a no contest verdict because of lacking fighting spirit. Carlos Barragan, 135, and Carlos Arregui, 134, drew in 10. Hilario Morales, 125, stopped Vincente Macedo, 126, in 5. Ray Ruiz, 115, decisioned Guillermo Gonzalez, 117, in 6. Arnulfo Palomares, 124, decisioned Lencho Quintero, 123, in 4.

▶ Victor Manuel Quijano, 128, national featherweight king, stopped Jimmy Moser, 126, American Negro, in 4. Roberto Garcia, 127, stopped Giraldo Bacho, 125, in 4. Again, Joe Reyes, 126, drew with Joaquin Carrilo, 131, in 10. Eduardo Guerrero, 117, decisioned Heriberto Saucedo, 116, in 6. Rosendo Martinez, 117, decisioned Pedro Ugalde, 117, in 4.

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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REMEMBER WHEN?: Danno O'Mahoney defeated Don Evans at Rochester, N. Y. on January 11, 1939 . . . Steve Casey defeated Ernie (Pat) Kelly on January 12, 1939 at Hartford, Conn. On the same date, at St. Louis, Mo., Everett Marshall conquered Lou Thesz . . . at Fresno, Calif., Otto Kuss pinned Ivan Rasputin on Jan. 20, 1939 . . . Pacific Coast heavy champion Lou Plummer won from Chief Thunderbird at Fresno on Feb. 10, 1939. On the same card Jimmy El Pulpo won from "Tiger" Frank Malcewicz . . . Eight years later in Fresno, on Feb. 1, 1947, Ed "Strangler" Lewis won over Dutch Heffner; Lucky Simunovich of Hawaii bested Al Billings; and Mickey Casey drew with Juan Humberto . . . At that time, Billy Hanson held the Pacific Coast Heavyweight crown.

Footballer Art Michalik's decision to stick to the lucrative wrestling world made many fans of the popular Sunnyvale, Calif., mat star happy, especially his fan club, which is directed by President Mabel Stonecipher. Young Art is a great heavyweight performer who needs the right bouts. He's got all that it takes to be a box office star, not to insinuate that this flying tackle ace doesn't draw his share of fans already. Our best wishes to Art on his mat career and we're happy to see him devote his full time to the great art of wrestling.

Lucky Zivko Simunovich, the high flying Slav from Hawaii, is back on the Joe Malcewicz northern California circuit. Simunovich has been absent from coast arenas for several years, and is a very welcome addition to the current crop. Lucky has a fine dropkick style . . . Ernie Dusek and his big bad brother Emil, copped the NWA World heavyweight tag trophy from Mike and Ben Sharpe at the Winterland in San Francisco, via a disqualification. Ernie and Emil are a welcome addition to coast roughies. Fans tire of seeing the same roughies week after week. The Dusek brand of mat mayhem is a perfect example of pier six brawling . . . Colorful Patrick Fraley continues to be a box office magnet for promoter Al Dermer at the Memorial Auditorium in Fresno, Calif. Veteran Fraley, a great student of the old school of wrestling, draws fans wherever he appears. He's known for his dreaded neck twister . . . Leo Garibaldi continues to do well in Arizona rings . . . Manuel (Cortez) Garza is back in Los Angeles territory after a long absence. Manuel recently tested The Great Bolo, alias Al Lovelock, at the Coliseum in San Diego . . . Ramon Torres, young brother of Pacific Coast heavyweight kingpin Enrique Torres, has developed into a tip top heavyweight wrestler. Ramon has one of the most devastating dropkicks this scribe has ever seen . . . "Silent" George Hubert, fast rising Missouri wrestler, is showing in the St. Louis area for Sam Muchnick. Hubert deserves bigger matches . . . Word from our old buddy Antone "Ripper" Leone of Oyster Bay, N. Y., tells us that he's now showing in Greece and Spain. Ripper only recently completed a trek to South Africa . . . Juan Garcia, speedy Mexican heavyweight is the Rocky Mountain heavyweight champion . . . Gene Stanlee, matdome's "Mr. America", is wrestling for matchmaker Pat O'Brien at the Hollywood Legion Stadium, Hollywood, Calif.

Ronnie Etchison is enjoying his new home in sunny Santa Cruz, in California. Etchison, a former Pacific Coast, Missouri, and Heart of America champion, is scheduling a trip of midwest mat centers soon . . . Adrian Baillargeon is back in the USA after a tour of Japan and Hawaii . . . Newest tag team threat is Ramon and Enrique Torres . . . Classy Bob Geigel is ruling the heavyweight roost in Iowa . . . Sailor Moran, Larry Clarke and Bill Scharbert are holding down main events in Bowling Green, Kentucky . . . King Jack, giant heavyweight, is back in the States after a spell in Okinawa. Welcome back, Jack . . . We go along with a number of other scribes and fans who say six man tag matches NEED 2 referees . . .

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Dr. J. A. Vieites

Here is the Pro-Boxing News for MARCH.

▶ HAVANA.—Manuel Zuaznábar (Baby Colön) 148, furnished the first big upset of the year when he stopped the heavy favorite, Oswaldo Santiuste, (Kid Fichique), Cuba's 1956 Boxer of the Year, in the fourth round. The Kid weighed 145½ lbs.

When he went down for the third time in the 4th, the fifth fall for Fichique, the referee stopped the fight in favor of Baby Colön.—

Santiago Ramirez, 131½, won easily in 8 from Baby Face Media, 130.—

Paul Díaz, 157, stopped Theo Sosaccàs, 159 in two.—

Rolando Chico Marales, 129, won in 6 from Chino Bassas, 128, and Félix Gutièrrez, 120, stopped Rafaél Martinez, 121, in four.

▶ HAVANA: Victor (Tato) Menèndez, 130, impressed favorably when he stopped the American, Izzy Vaughn, 132¾, in the first round of a tenner, after scoring three knockdowns.

Nardo Parets, 147, won easily in 8 from Oscar Campos, 146.—

Rollie Garcia, 137¾, drew in 6 with Joaquìn Castillo, 136.—

Jose Oliva, 116, won in 4 from Ray Tablo, 115, and Chico Flores, won in 4 from Jose Orta Pacheco, 132.—

▶ HAVANA: Cuba's newest sensation, Pedro José (Huesito) Gonzalez, 119, scored another k.o., this time over Orlando (Johnsito) Rodriguez, 117¼, in the sixth of a scheduled tenner.

Huesito Gonzalaez, gained a titular bout with Cuba's champ, Orlando Reyes, rated No. 10 by the RING. My prediction is that Huesito will emerge Cuba's new bantam champion if the bout takes place.—

In the other star bout, former lightweight champion Fernando Silva, lost in ten fast, good rounds to the excellent newcomer, Angel (Robinson) Garcia. Garcia came in at 131¾, Silva, at 134¾.—

Eddie Botello, 114¾, won in six from Rafael Correa, 111.—

▶ HAVANA: The RING's No. 4 lightweight man, Orlando Zulueta, 134¾, won each of the ten rounds from Venezuela's Guillermo (Chicharrita) Mendia, 132.

Medina visited the canvas in the 7th and again in the tenth. However Zulueta always knew he was in a fight as Medina kept trying.

Zulueta went on to beat Joey Lõpes in the States and he might get a Joe Brown titular bout this year. He has already drawn with Brown as well as beaten world's champions, Jimmy Carter, Paddy De Marco, Bud Smith and Percy Bassett.—

Nardo Parets, 145½, won easily in eight from Rolando La Plancha Rodrìguez, 145¾ lbs.

Luis M. Rodriguez, 145¾, toyed with Vicente Reyes, 146, in six rounds.

▶ HAVANA: "Schoolboy" Leyva, 130½, who gave Ciro Morasèn a good fight last month, scored a t.k.o. in 5 over Bernardo (Baby) Rosales, 130¾.—

Alberto Robinson, a. Taco-Taco, won in 8 from Al Bisbè, 137¾ pounds.—

Wilfred Hurst, 136¼, won in 8 also, from Alex García, 137½.

Pablo Cárdenas, 141½, stopped René Casanovas, 142 in 2.—Joaquín Castillo, 134¾, won in six from Alfonso Estrada, 133¾. Chico Morales, 128¾, won in 4 from Humberto de la Rosa, 127¼, and Rafaèl Correa, 111¾, won in four from Estéban Sánchez, 114.—

▶ CARACAS, VENEZUELA: Puppy García, 127¾, fought a sensational, fast ten rounder and held local champion, Víctor (Sonny) León, 128½, to a draw in ten rounds. His manager has already signed him for a series of fights next month in U. S. A.

GERMANY BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

BOCHUM — HANS KALBFELL (Hagen) heavyweight, halted EDGAR BOY (West Indies) in five rounds. This supported his claim that he should be meeting champion HEINZ NEUHAUS at DORTMUND.

KARLHEINZ BICK (Dortmund) shared points with KARLHEINZ RAUEN over six rounds. Feather, JAN NYENKAMP (Holland) won on points over JOE BUCK (Bochum) six rounds. Middle, HANS DUCREE (Essen) KOed fellow German HELMUT HUTTELL in one round. Light HERBERT SOODMAN (Essen) won KO2 over PAUL JORAM (Wuppertal). Middle OSSI BUTTNER (Frankfort) KOed fellow countryman DIETER SCHWINGEL in one heat.

▶ 6000 witnessed FRITZ GRETZSCHEL'S promotion, his first for several years, at the BERLIN FUNKTURM Halle. In the main event, GUSTAV SCHOLZ (Berlin) middleweight, having his second come-back fight after a lay-off of almost two years through illness, stopped the champion of Spain, MONOLO CORREA in five heats. The German remains undefeated in 61 professional contests. It was truly a great victory for a man they said would never fight again.

CHARLES HUMEZ, PETER MUELLER and GUNTER HASE all failed to halt the Spaniard. The end came in round five as CORREA was taking his seventh count. The towel was thrown in as the referee reached the count of seven.

PETER MUELLER (Cologne) middle champion, outpointed DOMINGO MENA (Spain) 8 rounds. Brother ADDI MUELLER (Cologne) welter, halted FERNANDO CABALLERO (Spain) in the first round. HEINZ SATTLER (Stuttgart) middle shared points 6 with GERARD van EYK (Holland). DIETER WEMHONER (Berlin) won points over middle YANGUAS (Spain). HANS BORZOSKOWSKI (Dusseldorf) drew with KID BELFOR (USA) over four rounds.

FROM TOKYO
By F. N. Miike

LEO ESPINOSA, 118, OF THE PHILIPPINES soundly trounced Masakasu Otsuka, 118, of Japan to retain his Orient bantamweight crown on March 20.

The title fight, which was Espinosa's fourth defense, drew 5,000 spectators at International Stadium in Tokyo, and was televised.

Referee Bernie Taylor (with the U. S. Armed Forces in Japan as a civilian worker) gave Espinosa 7-4, Judge Kuniharu Hayashi 9-1 for Espinosa and Judge Koichi Takada 7-3 also for Espinosa.

▶ Just before the start of the title fight, a silent prayer was held for Munehide Tanabe, Japan's Boxing Commissioner, who died of illness March 18.

Japan's first Boxing Commissioner Munehide Tanabe suddenly passed away March 18 of lung cancer. He was 75 years old.

Tanabe was connected with boxing for 30 years. He became commissioner in 1952, in a sweeping reorganization of Japan's boxing world. Under his reign Japan saw its first world champion, in flyweight Yoshio Shirai.

He was a leader in the sports-entertainment world. He was owner and president of the vast Korakuen Company, which included among other things Korakuen Stadium, "Home of Professional Baseball" in Japan.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

Jackie LaBua, Long Island middleweight, scored a disputed ten round decision over Curtis Bruce, Newark, on promoter Manny Almeda's opening card at the Met. LaBua weighed 157, Bruce, 160.

Dick D'rsi, 165, Providence, lost a six round duke to Milton Epps, 164, Newark. Rusty Davis, 156, beat Benny DelGado, 155, in a sixer between locals.

George Walker, 135, Providence, again beat Dick Graham, 137. Frank Charleston, 154, Newark, kayoed Paul Kinnally, 157, in one.

▶Frankie Ryff, New York lightweight, 137, lost when his bout with Gene Butler, 140, Boston was stopped due to cuts in the seventh round at the Met. Lacerations required ten stitches.

Otto Smith, 155, Newark, beat Cisco Halley, 152, Providence, in six. Earl Kid Matthews, 136, Boston, kayoed Leon Jones, 137, Roxbury, in one. Jojo Sanchez, 160, Warren, was kayoed in one by Gene Lopes, 166, Boston.

Mark Murray, 147, Newark, beat Don Vincent, 145, Providence, in four.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

The top fistic talk in this area is Young Terry Lewis, Sioux City's heavyweight prospect. Since Lewis scored a three round kayo over Bruce Olson of Eugene, Ore., at Seattle, Wash., in his first professional fight, he has been the talk of the countryside. Last year Lewis, as a member of the Sioux City Golden Gloves team went to the semi-finals in the Chicago Tournament of Champions. Young Lewis appears to be the necessary "shot" in the arm that professional boxing has needed for some time. He scales in around 240 pounds, is over six feet tall, is plenty fast and can punch with either hand. He is a lad to keep your eye on.

▶Last Minute Sparks . . . Sailor Burke, former Sioux City boxing manager, was in town for a few days and informed us that the boxing sport is on the boom in Denver, Colo., where he is now making his headquarters. The veteran Sailor is in charge of the Elks gym in Denver. Remember our new address is 2600 South Roswell St., Sioux City, Iowa, and our new phone number is 6-9020. . . . The Mid-West Sports Enter., have announced that if the right talent can be found, the club will open up with professional boxing at the Sioux City Auditorium in the near future. . . . The mat sport will get going again about the time this hits the press.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

Welterweight boxing champion Carmen Basilio has received many awards since winning the title but none he prized more highly than the one he received from Nat Fleischer when the famous editor and publisher of The Ring presented him with The Ring belt, emblematic of the world's championship. Carmen also was awarded the Ray Hikock belt for being athlete of the year, as a result of his two round knockout of Johnny Saxton at Cleveland. At a local Press Luncheon, Carmen was lauded to the skies by 200 odd writers and friends and was presented with expensive fishing equipment. His next trip was to Notre Dame to referee the annual Bengal Bouts and receive the Bendix Sportsman's Award in ceremonies on the University of Notre Dame campus.

▶Mike DeJohn is back in town after a three month Florida jaunt during which he scored five knockouts and fought a draw. DeJohn stands 6 foot, 3 inches in height and weighs 197 pounds. He has engaged in 37 pro bouts, winning 33, 25 by knockouts. He lost 3 and drew once.

▶Latest to receive a referee's license in this area is Marc Terziev. Marc is a former Syracuse University boxer who fought as a bantam and featherweight during the years of 1938-40. Terziev is a Syracuse attorney and got his third man experience handling Golden Glove amateur bouts.

▶THE LAST BELL—The passing of Eddie (Babe) Risko, former middleweight boxing champion astounded and shocked the sporting world. Born Henry Pylkowski, the muscular, curley-haired handsome Syracuse boy who climbed to the top of his division, had his first local outing many years ago at the old Veterans' Club on South Salina St. Known then as Sailor Pulaski, the Babe was a rugged, powerful two-handed slugger.

Risko took the name he made famous from Rubbery Johnny Risko, the oldtime heavyweight from Cleveland.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

Del Flanagan won over Ramon Fuentes by the country mile here and the gate was 27,478.02, with over 7,000 fans watching the contest. Shows what a real card this Irishman is in his home town. Del was down to 149 pounds and had a big edge over the Californian all the way.

Clarence Cook, Monroe, Ala., 154, decisioned Jim Hegerle, St. Paul, 160, in ten rounds. It was a good fight. Terry Rindal, St. Paul, won by a tko over Al Irwin, Minneapolis, 162, in two rounds.

▶Doc Spike McCarthy is the announcer at all the public workouts held in St. Paul. Spike can do a real job.

Carl Ford, a featherweight in the Twin Cities about 15 years ago, is now a gymnasium owner in St. Paul, boxed the best around the Northwest and always gave a good account of himself.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

▶Boise, Idaho . . . The worldwide-traveler, Jimmy Matinez, 161, used a left jab well and gained a split decision over Boise's Mickey Rhodes, 163, in a fast moving 10-round main event.

Rhodes started slow and took the brunt of the punishment in the opening rounds. From this point on the fight set a pattern which prevailed throughout the entire 10 heats. Rhodes would attack but failed to be able to stay and exchange punch for punch with his rival. Rhodes came in at 163.

Roque Maravilla, 175, Nampa, Idaho, won the unanimous decision over Willie Stevens, 173, of Reno. Maravilla's punching power was too much for his opponent.

Harley Breshears, 190, Parma, Idaho, had a little trouble figuring southpaw Roland Quartz 185, Reno, in the first round, but the second stanza was the last for the unorthodox lad. Breshears belted him out in 1:03 of the second.

A new comer, Glenn Burgess, 150, Meridian, Idaho, had very little trouble with Gene La Forte, 146, Reno. La Forte folded up at 2:28 of the 2nd.

Eddie Schnoor, 142, Boise, did the very same thing to Larry Sanchez, 130, Reno. Schnoor nailed Sanchez in 2:30 of the second round.

▶Boise . . . Matchmaker Al Berro put together a fine card, when he matched "Diamond" Dick Lane and Mickey Rhodes in a return bout for the Northwest middleweight title. For eight rounds of this 10-rounder, the action ran high with Lane always on top, but in this round, Lane, the title holder and more determined, poured on the heat and dropped Rhodes twice. The last knockdown had Rhodes in a bad way and he was saved by the bell, which nobody heard as the confusion of the scrap had all 2,000 fans standing on their feet enjoying every penny of the $5,100 they had paid to see this grudge fight. The next time Rhodes met the canvas he was granted a five-minute rest as the referee stated the punch was an unintentional foul. Rhodes needed more than the rest, as he was decked again in the ninth and tenth rounds. Lane came in at 158½ and Rhodes was one-half pound heavier at 159.

Harley Breshears, 189, Parma, Idaho, won the decision and the foot race against Willie Stevens, 179, Reno.

The much improved Roque Maraville, 175, surprised the crowd and Darrell Layton, 172, when he gave Layton a sound drubbing for six rounds. Moravilla looked good and should be in line for better shots.

Glen Burgees, 143, Meridian, Idaho, and Eddie Schnoor, 140, Boise, put on a brawl. About the only thing the boys did that was legal was when they left their gloves on. Burgess had Schnoor down twice. Burgess took the decision, but the fans are demanding to see these two savages back in the ring again.

Dale Manz, 149, the fightin' sailor from New Plymouth, Idaho, staged a whirlwind scrap with Sammy Taylor, 151, Reno. The referee put a stop to the wild melee, as Taylor sprained his back, and Sailor Manz gained himself a TKO.

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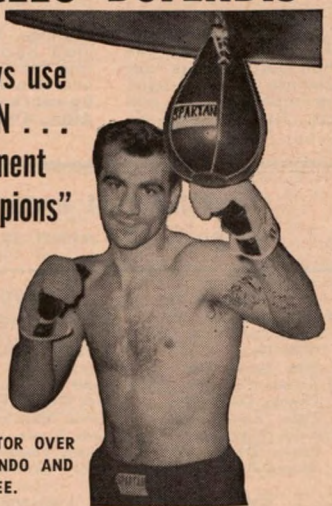

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARRISH

First-class action in most parts of Europe was offered the boxing fans. The month saw the return of Gustav Scholz, undefeated in over 50 contests, against a couple of Spaniards. Gus the Great still lacks the snap and razor-edge judgment of yore.

Tiberio Mitri and Kurt Schiegl announced their retirement from active competition but several promising replacements made their presence felt. These were notably the French cruiser, Chapron, the German middle Wemhoner, the Italian heavy Bozzano and flyweight Burruni. Humez retained his leadership of Europe by defeating Ballarin and Young Martin rid himself of challenger Pozzali.

Halimi captured the World Bantam title from D'Agata in Paris, on points. Outside of Europe, Continentals had varying fortunes—Coluzzi winning in Australia over Grogan, Visintin losing out to Attu Clottey, Besmanoff winning in the States over Bang-Bang Wilson and Szuzina losing two points affairs. Wim Snoek lost a disputed decision in Uruguay and Guy Gracia stopped Willie Lloyd in London. Here are the reports:

▶ **Paris.** Feudin' and fightin' has always been the privilege of the middleweight division and this has always been the case in France. The last rival of Charles Humez had been Pierre Langlois but since the latter's retirement, Germinal Ballarin has been the fighter at whose name Humez was most likely to see red. Ballarin and Humez had fought a verbal war for a long time through the press and the fight turned out to be a real needle affair. In the ninth, Humez pounded Ballarin murderously and dropped him for "9". Staggering to his feet, Ballarin hung on until the gong. Humez came in for the last round ready for the kill but the game Germinal met the champ halfway and there followed a fierce scramble which the referee found hard to control. At the end of the round, Humez was justly proclaimed winner.

Seraphin Ferrer demonstrated his class by engaging in a relentless welter duel with the tough German, Gunter Hase, who fought toe to toe until the pace wearied him and Ferrer could pave the way for a masterly knockout in the tenth. Sauveur Chiocca got the better of Michel Lombardet in a welter debate over ten and Marius Dori shared honors with Michel Masson in a middles eight. Sauveur Benamou, still undefeated, whipped blond Robert Gillet in a lightweight six.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** One of the busiest fighters on the peninsula is Guido Mazzinghi, the classy middles champion, but it was not possible for him to dispose of teak-hard Jean Ruellet, the Frenchman with a jaw made of plaster of Paris. Ruellet stood up to gruelling punishment and ended the ten rounds on his feet, almost unmarked and still fresh.

Giancarlo Garbelli fought the bout of the evening against Stefano Bellotti but was lucky to get the nod after this even welter ten.

Rocco Mazzola punched out a good win over Erwin Hack, German cruiser, in eight and Mario Vecchiato flattened Brahim Kettani, Algerian lightie, with three punches in the first round. Umberto Del Carlo whipped Ernesto Ballabio in a good lightie six.

▶ **Leghorn, Italy.** Sergio Burchi, recently stopped in a title-bout, thought to rehabilitate himself by taking on Don Ellis, the American cruiser who fights out of Germany. It was an unwise decision. Burchi walked into a crisp right which dropped him during the third round. While the ref was counting, Burchi got to his feet and went to his corner, whereupon the American was given the fight.

▶ **Pavia, Italy.** At the Sports Palace, Giordano Campari edged out Aldo Pravisani in a final eliminator for the right to challenge champion Sergio Capari. The bout between these two outstanding feathers was very poor. Alvaro Strina returned to action with a good win over Gino Rossi in a middles eight and Annibale Omodei soundly thrashed Rino Giacche in a lightie eight. Mino Di Jasio licked Gastone Casarico in a lightie six.

▶ **Paris.** At the Salle Wagram, powerful Jo Ventaja thumped out a good victory over another Joe, Belgium's Jo Woussem. The latter is national lightie champ and came in six pounds heavier but Ventaja cut him down to size and stopped the Fleming in round ten.

Andre "Thunder" Gardeux beat Henryet in a lightie eight and Jacques Barlet trounced Mohamed Taibi in a middles ten.

At Perigueux, Gilbert Chapron made his pro debut by stopping Elie Flores in the second frame of a cruiser slam and at St. Brieuc, Maurice Mols confirmed a previous win by stopping Robert Eugene, Belgian heavy, in seven.

At Limoges, Edouard Ptak drew with Jean Santanbien in a lightie ten and at Montreuil, Jean Ruellet laced Stanis Pasek in a middles ten. Fernand Nollet upset Louis Carrara by gaining a close nod in a good lightie ten at Lyons.

▶ **Liege, Belgium.** The Angel of the Ring, Jean Sneyers, had little difficult in outscoring the Algerian feather, Mohamed Omari, over ten while Jean Renard moved up a peg by capturing the national feathers title from Aime Devisch, who was ahead on points when the ref stopped the fight in round six owing to a dangerous cut. Abel Soudan won over Helmut Hohmann, German welter, and Jean Hoeffler stopped Eddie Kindermans in the fifth of another welter dispute.

▶ **Courtrai, Belgium.** Juan Oscar Alvarez, the blond Spaniard, is still in circulation and fought a draw with Raf in a feathers ten while Descheemaker stopped Frans Wahl in the seventh of a middles fray. Rudolf Christiaens won from Georges Devos in a lightie eight.

▶ **Oldenburg, Germany.** The eagerly-awaited return of Gustav Scholz to ring activity drew a large crowd. The undefeated Bubi was handed Francisco Frances and for a while it appeared that Scholz had lost that brilliant combination of mind and muscle. Frances held back and avoided the Berliner's attacks but in the fourth, Scholz cracked his left home and Frances went down for "8". When he regained his feet, Scholz hammered his man once more to the canvas for keeps. Other Spaniards were equally unfortunate.

Domingo Mena was defeated by Heinz Sattler in a middles eight, Fernando Caballero lost over eight to the hard-hitting Manfred Neuke in a lightie dispute and Alberto Yanguas was able to earn a drew with blond Horst Borozowski in a welter eight. Willi Quattuor iced Egon Hennig in the second of a feathers affair.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.** Fred Galiana is another fighter resolved to retrieve lost ground. His foe, Karlheinz Fiederichs, hurled himself at Galiana at the opening gong and went all out for a quick kayo—his only chance. Galiana weathered the storm and came back to ice the German in the third round.

José Luis Martinez beat Juanito Gonzales in a feathers ten and Ben Ali drew with Manuel Segura in a bantam eight. Antonio Lopez Durban won over Lahoz in another bantam eight.

▶ **Hamburg, Germany.** Peter Müller had all his work cut out here to outpoint aggressive young Erich Walter in a robust twelve-rounder with Müller's title at stake. The only knockdown occurred during the ninth, when Müller got home two solid rights to the challenger's head. Walter was ready to rise at "2" but had to stay down for the regulation count of "8".

Gert Müller, no relation of Black Peter's, subbed at the last minute against the experienced French welter, Jacques Prigent, and drew with him after a stormy eight rounds. Uwe Janssen upset the book by stopping Wenzel Bocick in the second frame of a cruiser slam and Horst Niche whipped Jacques Bro, France, in a cruiser eight.

Siegfried Burrow, back from the USA, drew with Michel Lapourielle in a welter eight and Alfred Schweer won clearly over Henri Schmid in a bantam six.

▶ **Brest, France.** Robert Tartari cracked a tough nut here in Roland Roy, edging him in a bantam ten while Henri Cabelduc drew with Jules Lambour in a welter ten.

▶ **At Lyon.** Gilbert Lavoine settled an old account by putting the blast on wily Kid Dussart. There were knockdowns on both sides but Dussart's left hand was broken and he retired in the eighth round of a first-class middles bout.

▶ **At the Paris Stadium.** Rachid Tabti won the Diouf Belt by beating Roger Maziou over ten. Baldacchino stopped Serenus in seven to gain third post.

▶ **At the Central.** Cyprien Carrie beat Licatesi in a lightie eight and at Annecy, Annibale Omodei, classy Italian lightie, did very well to draw with powerful Simon Perillat in his own bailiwick.

▶ **Blois, France.** Gilbert Chapron won his second pro outing by blasting out Marcel Leorier in thirty seconds of the second round. He's tipped as future cruiser champ of France.

▶ **At Cherbourg,** Serge Piniarski earned more than a draw against blond Marcel Tirel in a middles ten and Marcel Dupré drew with the Spanish lightie, José Manrique, in ten.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

MONTH ENDING APRIL 18, 1957

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Peter Muller (G)	Gian. Garbelli (I)
3. Willi Besmanoff (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Valere Benedetto (F)
4. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
5. Hans Friedrich (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Louis Trochon (F)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
6. Jose Gonzales (S)	Charles Colin (F)	Max Resch (G)	Bruno Visintin (I)
7. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Pedro Klyssen (H)	Guido Mazzinghi (I)	Umb. Vernaglione (I)
8. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Leen Jansen (H)	Gunter Hase (G)
9. Emile Vidal (F)	Sandro D'Ottavio (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Ben Buker II (S)
10. Federico Frisso (I)	Ahmed Boulgroune (F)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Felix Chiocca (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Laouri Godih (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Andre Gasperini (F)
5. Fred Galiana (S)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Piero Rollo (I)	Guy Schatt (F)
6. Jose Hernandez (S)	Jo Ventaja (F)	Luis Romero (S)	Jose Ogazon (S)
7. Piet v. Klaveren (H)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Henri Schmid (F)
8. Mario Vecchiato (I)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Robert Tartari (F)	Jean Guerrard (F)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Alfred Schweer (G)	Francisco Carreno (S)
10. Guy Gracia (F)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Dante Bini (F)	Pipo Dionisio (F)

LEGEND: B Belgium; F France; G Germany; H Holland; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

▶ **At Marseilles,** Valère Benedetto had his hands full with an awkward Englishman, Jackie Butler from Preston. The latter, who is of Irish parentage, fought tooth-and-nail and lost only by a narrow margin to the French welter.

Louis Trochon also had bad trouble with blond Les Allen. It was only after the sixth round that the mulatto began to draw ahead to win narrowly on points. Giuseppe Marotto trounced Edouard Ptak in a lightweight eight.

▶ **At Dijon,** Salvatore Vangi stopped the Sardinian, Enzo Ganadu, in the fifth of a feathers fray.

▶ **Stuttgart, Germany.** With Max Schmeling as third man and local hero Max Resch on the bill, 7,500 fans crowded to watch a good program. Resch's opponent was the tough Franco-Pole, Stanis Pasek, who lasted four rounds.

Hans Wohlers outscored Angelo Idi of Italy in a middles eight and Erich Schöppner stopped Günter Huber in the second of a cruiser affair. In two welter bouts Harry Mistol drew with the Frenchman, Roland Friant, over six and Manfred Hass iced Helmut Swoboda in the third.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** Bitter disappointment for Italian fans when their flyweight champion, Aristide Pozzali, was cleaned up in four rounds in a gallant badly-planned attempt to win the European title from Young Martin of Spain. For two rounds, Pozzali fought back against the storming assaults of the champ but the dynamic little Spaniard sent his man crashing to the deck three times during the third. He came in to finish off the Italian but Pozzali countered with a tremendous blow which lifted Martin off his feet and dumped him for a long count. Martin continued to pick off Pozzali as he raged in during the fourth and then slammed across the payoff, which sprawled Pozzali for the count.

Italio Scortichini won a hotly disputed decision from the strong French middle, Robert Guivarch, over ten and Altidoro Polidori settled for a former defeat by lacing Letterio Petilli in a feathers ten. Carlo Mola, fortunately for him, was not able to meet the Hungarian, Laszlo Papp—who was refused an entry visa, and was able to stop the substitute, Mazzadri, in the second frame of a middles maul.

The disappointment of Pozzali's showing must surely have been compensated by the arrival of a very promising heavyweight—Mino Bozzano, who has defeated most of the current professionals in Italy when they were amateurs. With an Olympic bronze medal, he felt ready to join the paid fighters and in his first start, stopped modest Dante Lepercq of France in the sixth round.

▶ **Paris**—Jean Ruellet kept busy with a victory over Lou Mourros in a middles ten at the Central.

▶ **At the Salle Wagram,** Gabriel Assaga cleaned up Ali Belkacem with a murderous right hook to the head in the fourth round of a middles bout. Assane Fakyh, Lebanese lightie, beat Guedjal over six and Marcel Ranyial chilled Michel Touché in the seventh of another lightweight scrap.

▶ **Soissons**—Francois Kania laced Rene Sauvage in a cruiser ten.

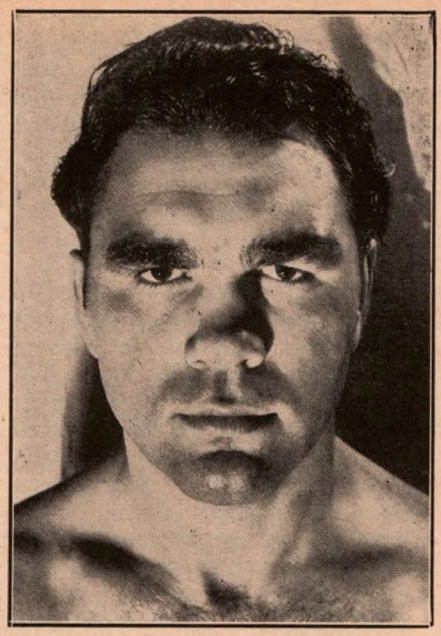
▶ **Bologna, Italy**—It had long been obvious that Franco Cavicchi would never make a genuine champion and this was proved when he tangled with the Spanish title-holder, Jose Gonzales. The latter, a mere pocket heavyweight, refused to be impressed by the Italian's braggadochio. Cavicchi raised an arm during the sixth round and announced his retirement due to an injured thumb.

Nedo Stampi drew with Mario Calcaterra in a welter ten and Marcello Padovani was ruled out in the eighth round of his lightie larrup against Rino Giacché. Cavicchi was later suspended for a month and had the £300 purse confiscated.

▶ **Rotterdam, Holland**—It was the acid test for Piet van Klaveren here. For rounds he completely outboxed the English lightweight, Johnny Mann, but in the seventh, Mann attacked and threw a desperate right which had the Dutchman down for "8". On his feet again, Piet was once more dropped for "8" and as he got to his feet the Englishman roared in for the kill. Van Klaveren proved himself a champion by smashing Mann on the jaw and once more taking over the mastery. Piet won clearly over ten rounds but has offered a return to Mann.

Peter King, English mulatto, knocked out Frits van Kempen in the eighth of a hard welter struggle and Toon Schuurmans beat Vicky van den Berg in a welter six.

▶ **Fabriano, Italy**—Remo Stroppa won over Matteotti in a welter eight. At Pescara Piero Freschi beat Perosino, who retired in the fifth of a lightweight dispute and in Venice,



Max Schmeling, ex heavyweight champion of the world, has become one of Germany's leading referees.

some notable newcomers made their bow. Bruno Scarabellin, heavyweight hitter, stopped Ilario Suvilla in three, Tombolini laced Nosenzo in a feathers six, Ilagi bested Walter Cozzani in a welter six and Germano Cavalieri whipped Remo Viarengo in a lightie eight.

▶ **Brussels, Belgium**—Up and coming Michel Diouf, the coal-black Senegalese middle, proved too good even for aggressive Jef Janssens and won over ten. Jef gave away half a stone and will henceforth keep in the welter division.

Pierre Cossemyns beat Michel Lamora of France in a good bantam ten and Ben Buker II outclassed Bob Stevens in a middles ten. Bob Roger won over Juan Alvarez in a feathers eight.

▶ **Bilbao, Spain**—Manuel Bufala made his first appearance here, stopping Guillermo Moreno in the fourth of a lightweight contest and Bobby Ros drew over ten with Carmelo Beraza in another lightie debate. Mardaras, touted as a new Paolino, was flattened in two rounds by a cruiser, Escude.

▶ **In Madrid,** Manolo Garcia, feathers champ, defeated a welter, Emillo Orozco, over eight and Luis Gonzales chilled Cristobal Cisneros in the second heat of a welter bout.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—Mino Bozzano won clearly here over the German heavy Horst Herold, in six and Carlo Mola trounced Calabrese in a middles six.

▶ **At Pordenone**—Gino Rossi bested Sergio Pippa in a middles eight and Elio Busetto licked Carutti in a lightie eight.

▶ **At Witerbo**—Luigi Male scored over Andre Guyon in a middles eight.

▶ **Abidjan, West Africa**—Jules Touan at last made a return to something like his old form, thrashing Ali Oura in a feathers ten while Kaoumi Yao halted Mohamed Taibi in the ninth of a middles discussion.

▶ **Nice, France**—Francis Magnetto returned to action with a points win over the Italian heavy, Piero Baldini, in eight and Marcel Dubois defeated Flavio Ciancarelli in a lightweight eight.

▶ **At Chateaurous**—Jean Guerrard stiffened Carlo Ferrante in the tenth of a bantam duel and at Issy, Moussa Saad iced Andre Meraint in the fifth of a lightweight scrap.

▶ **Garrara, Italy**—Aldo Pravisani and Letterio Petilli tangled in the Marble City to decide supremacy and on this occasion it was Aldo from Trieste who got the better of the argument and the decision after ten rounds.

▶ **At Cagliari**—Piero Rollo soundly defeated the tough French bantam, Robert Tartari, over ten and Gianni Zuddas made a return to action by stopping Jose Luis Martinez of Spain in the third of another bantam affair. Gino Rossi scored over Salvatore Boi in a middles eight.

▶ **In Milan**—Mino Bozzano chalked up a good win over the hardy German heavyweight, Heinz Lemm, in six.

Bonino Allevi outpunched Horst Herold in a heavyweight eight and it was left to the veteran Hans Strellecki to rescue the German eagle from the dust. He completely outfought Brunetti in a cruiser six to win on points.

▶ **Bochum, Germany**—Back after a throat operation was Hans Kalbfell, who scored so many kayoes last year. His opponent was Wily Edgar "Boy" Hernandes, from the Dutch West Indies, who went the distance with Hans Friedrich and drew with Pellegrini in Italy. Kalbfell crushed his opponent in five rounds with a clean knockout.

Jan Nyenkamp avenged his team-mate by licking Joe Buck in a lightweight six and Karlheinz Bick drew with Karlheinz Rauen in a lightie eight. Ossi Büttner iced Dieter Schwingel in the opening frame of a heavies bout and Hans Ducrée took just as long to finish off Helmut Hüttel in a middles debate. Herbert Soodmann creased Paul Joram in the second of another middles maul.

▶ **Paris**—In a very modest title-bout, Robert Pollazon retained his flyweight laurels against André Gasperini by drawing over fifteen rounds. Roger Prigent and Ahcéne Attar also drew in a dull lightweight ten.

▶ **In Marseilles,** however, Gracieux Lamperti captured the vacant feathers title by knocking out blond Andre Valignat in the opening round, truly a sensational performance. On the same card, Giuseppe Marotto outdistanced Edouard Ptak in a lightweight ten.

▶ **At Agen**—Jacques Nervi, Italian welter, chilled the Spaniard, Luis Gonzales in one round and at Brest, Max Brianto had to go the full eight heats to defeat Michel Lapourielle in a heavyweight slam.

▶ **Valencia, Spain**—Fred Galiana won a rather disputed decision over the West Indian lightie, Jack Subero, in ten rounds here and Bautista Navarro knocked out Sayos in the third frame of a cruiser slam.

▶ **At Barcelona**—Tanny Campo won by a large margin over Lopez Durban in a bantam ten. Earlier, at the same venue, the Portuguese welter, Chico Santos, ran up his fourth straight win in Spain by whipping Gifuentes over eight rounds. Frank Garcia beat Guillen in a feathers eight, Bautista iced the Israeli bantam, Ben Aire, in round six.

▶ **Rome, Italy**—A crowd of 7,500 turned up at the Palace of Champions to see Emilio Marconi chalk up a good points win over Pierre Hernandez of France, in a welter ten. Giancarlo Garbelli won clearly over Jean Poisson in a welter eight, Stefano Bellotti trimmed Idrissa Dione in another welter eight and Mario Di Persio obliged Lucien Touzard to retire early in the second heat of their heavyweight affair. Giacomo Putti nodded Sanna in a welter six.

▶ **Berlin**—For his second rung on the comeback ladder, Gustav Scholz was handed another Spaniard, champion Manolo Correa. It fell to the Berliner to administer the Iberian his first knockout defeat, which occurred in the fifth round. Peter Müeller tangled with Domingo Mena in a hard middles eight which ended with Müeller's victory after a robust struggle while Heinz Sattler could only draw with the Dutch middle, Gerhard van Eyck, over six.

Addi Müller iced Fernando Caballero in the opening session of a welter clash and Dieter Wemhöner trumped Alberto Yanguas in a middles four. Horst Borzoskowski was lucky to earn a draw with the Dutch-naturalized Syrian middle, Kid Belfor, over six rounds. Six thousand attended.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—Artenio Calzavara proved once more that he is a force to be reckoned with in the cruiser division by clearly outscoring the shifty American negro, Don Ellis, over ten rounds.

▶ **Caen, France**—Promotions took place here on two consecutive nights, with Marcel Pigou outpointing Wily Ali Amrane in a middles ten on the first occasion and Roland Romano drawing with Hamouda Bouraoui the following night in another middles ten.

▶ **At the Salle Wagram in Paris**—Gabriel Assaga had little difficulty in disposing of Helmut Höhmann, German middle, in four rounds while at Rheims, Jacques Herbillon trounced Siegfried Burrow, German welter, well and truly over ten rounds and thus reversed a previous defeat.

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BUBBLE BUSTING BYARS

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Korea. He won the All-Marines featherweight title in 1953 and the All-Marines lightweight crown in 1954. He started as a pro in 1954.

"He came into the New Garden gym in Boston in 1954," said Johnny Buckley, Jr., his manager, *"and said he wanted to be a fighter. We tried him out and saw that he was a natural. He had the same style as he has now. He's a brainy fighter.*

"He's lost only to Jimmy Soo and Pineapple Stevenson. He had won five straight when he lost a six-rounder to Stevenson. He beat Pineapple in two fights after that. He lost to Soo in 1955 when we took the fight on three-day's notice. It was by a split decision. It was supposed to have been a six-rounder but it was made into an eight. Walt hadn't gone more than six until then. If it had been a six, Walt would have won on all of the officials' cards."

The only other mark of Byars' record is a draw with Wilbur Wilson in 1956, a year in which Walt was undefeated.

After 20 pro fights, Byars hasn't a mark on his handsome face, a tribute to his skill and speed. He has proved that defense does count for something because he takes advantage of his opponent's mistakes to press his own attack. Against Hart he moved in and out, keeping his gloves at the side of his face to block off punches as he moved in to nullify Hart's long reach.

Walt has fast hands as well as strong legs. He developed his leg power by playing basketball and football. He still plays basketball at the Settlement house and coaches basketball and football.

"He works hard to keep fit," said manager Buckley. *"The Monday after a fight, he's back in the gym. And he does plenty of boxing to keep his sharpness. He usually boxes eight or nine rounds a day when he's training for a fight."*

"That's the way it should be done," says Manny Seamon, who trained Joe Louis. *"That's the way the oldtimers did it—the guys who stayed on top for 10 to 15 years—guys like Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee and Jack Britton. If boxing is your business, why not box? Today too many so-called fighters go in the ring for a couple of rounds of boxing. Even then they don't really box. They take light taps at each other. They might just as well not box at all."*

Buckley is confident Byars will go all the way. He's working on a fight with Tony DeMarco, the ex-welter champ.

"That would draw $100,000 in Boston, if we can make it," says Buckley. *"The only hitch is that Walt worked with DeMarco when Tony was training for Gaspar Ortega. He made a monkey out of Tony. Boxing writers figured that of the 29 rounds Walt sparred with Tony, DeMarco won only one—the last."*

Even though he's a nationwide figure in boxing, Byars, a graduate of Brandeis Vocational School, is studying other things. He attends Roxbury Memorial School under the GI bill, training to be a cabinet maker so that between woodworking and social work he will have a future after he hangs up his gloves.

A heady, durable, action plus fighter, Byers will always do well with certain type fighters but if he is to reach the top he must learn to diversify his attack, adapt himself to an aggressiveness that will prove effective.

TEX RICKARD'S LIFE STORY

Boxing characters continue to make the headlines in motion pictures and in books. The latest book on the market is "The Magnificent Rube," the life and gaudy times of Tex Rickard. The author, Charles Samuels, a former sports and feature writer for the "Brooklyn Eagle," takes boxing's most fabulous figure down through the years from his birth through his death at Miami.

The story is well told with incidents and anecdotes that keep up the interest from start to finish.

The book, published by McGraw-Hill ($4.50), is the third such brought forth on the man who coined the phrase, "I never seed anything like it," when he surveyed the vast gathering at the Carpentier-Dempsey first million dollar gate.

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WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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Harry Greb), Scala had about 80 fights, winning 60. In this period he fought four of the greatest middleweights of that time.

In 1940, the ex-pugilist joined the Army and has been soldiering all over the world.

OLYMPIC WINNER RADEMACHER RELEASED

Another Fort Benning famed boxer is 1st Lt. Pete Rademacher, who has been released from active duty with the Army.

Rademacher, a Reserve Officer, has been in the Army 33 months. He entered the service from Washington State College where he had received his commission as a second lieutenant.

After serving the required two-year obligation as a Reserve officer, the 28-year-old lieutenant applied for an extension of his category. He has presently served nine months of this extension.

The Olympic Gold Medal winner's reason for applying for release from active duty is, in his own words:

"I feel that I have accomplished what was expected of me as an officer in my tour of duty with the Army. I now believe that I can serve my country other ways just as ably in the capacity of a civilian."

The young lieutenant added, "I have enjoyed my experiences in the Army and will forever be grateful to them for giving me the opportunity not only to be in the 1956 Olympic Games, but also for furthering my education."

As to his future plans, Lt. Rademacher made no indication whether or not they included a professional career.

LEE RIDES HIGH AGAIN

Frankfurt, Germany . . . Fletcher Lee, who hails from Parkin, Arkansas, didn't surprise anyone when he won the 3d Armored Division light-middle title. Last year, while still stationed at Fort Knox, Lee won five straight amateur titles—the Louisville Golden Gloves, 3d Armored Division middle-weight titles, and the NE Arkansas, Mid-South, and Arkansas State A. A. U. welter-weight crowns. This season the 24-year-old fighter has won ten straight and is determined to win the USAREUR light-middle crown.

Lee has established an 18-1 two-year record in the Army. He plans to be discharged soon and then he will try professional boxing.

Zipper loses Anchor for an Austin . . . Philip B. Austin, JO3, has assumed the editorship of the monthly publication of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet, The Zipper, with the current issue. He replaces Harlan E. Anchor, TE3, who has held the position for the last year.

IN "PACIFIC NORTHWEST" RINGS

By R. D. Casey

The fight game enjoyed a late burst of winter activity up here in "the tall pine country" and this summer we will see a number of ball park matches. The return bout between Pat McMurtry and Willie Pastrano heads the list but there will be others also.

▶YAKIMA, WASH. EAGLES AUDITORIUM. The Missoula veteran, Spider McCallum did the 'iron man' act and fought twice on this evening's card. First Spider stopped Billy Huff of Spokane in three rounds, then he lost a split duke to Portland's Freddie Mack in a close six when he replaced a fighter who failed to show. Edmonton's capable Jackie Headon flattened Sammy Bohn, Spokane in three. Gene Meeker stretched Ray Day in one canto of the curtain raiser.

A confusion on dates led to Spider's double-duty act. The two Seattle fighters Al Noriega and Danny Brown arrived East of the Mountains a day later. A good crowd saw the card and they plan on running regular club fights in Yakima from here on in.

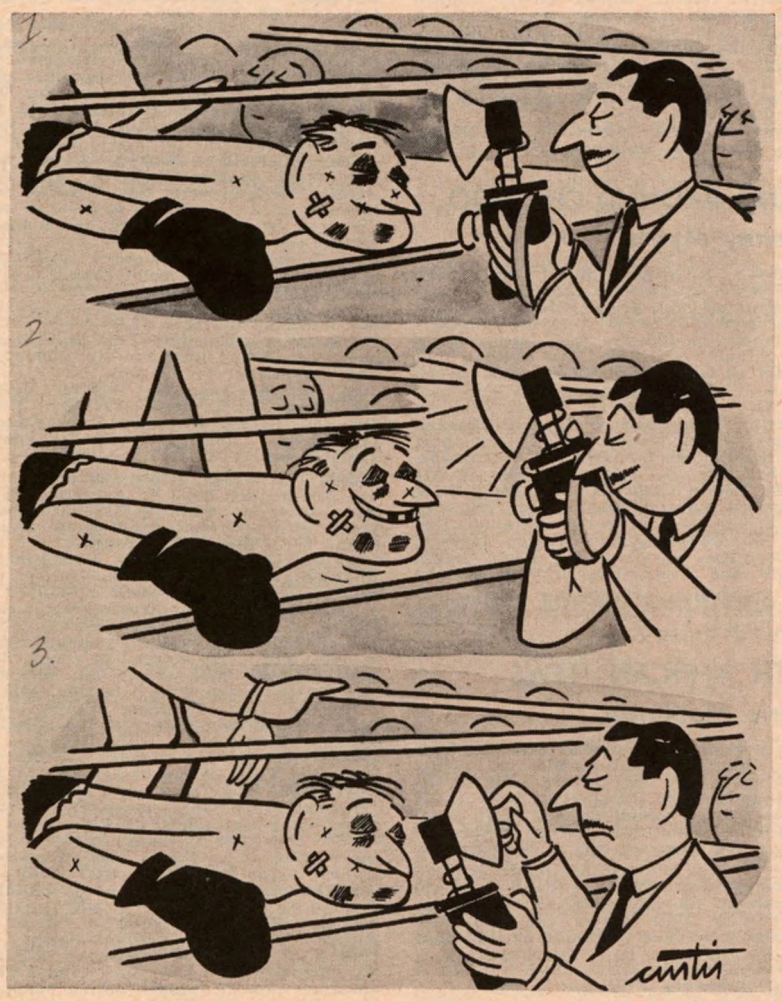
▶PORTLAND ARMORY. Tragedy stalked the ring the night the two huge behemoths, Seattle's Bruce Olson, 266 and South Africa's Ewart Potgieter, 335, faced each other. The Puget Sounder carried the fight to the South African. Both were clumsy and both were connecting. In the sixth round of a fairly even fight, Ewart connected with an uppercut that felled Olson for the full count. He had a convulsion in the corner, was taken to the hospital and after 2½ hours of brain surgery he managed to pull through. His manager Maxie Weisbarth states that Olson will never fight again. The plain truth is that neither belonged in the main event class in the first place. The fans pay to see Potgieter because he is 7 feet 2 inches, scales 335 pounds and is strong. However, it is almost impossible to get foes for this type. Olson with only 9 pro bouts under his belt wasn't ready for a year yet.

Kel Wayne, Vancouver, middleweight, was on the deck twice and far behind on points when Johnson's left eye was badly cut and Wayne won on a TKO. Portland's highly touted Tommy Thomas won an unpopular sixer from Seattle's veteran welter Johnny Wells. Jackie Frost, Spokane lightweight topped Milwaukee's Frankie Newell and Seattle's Pete White duked Salem's Curley Dyer in the fours.

▶TACOMA ARMORY. Irish Pat McMurtry, 186½, scored his 23d win in 25 bouts, his 20th by kayo, when he sent Rueben Vargas, 189, Richmond Calif. to the canvas in the third heat. No one gave Vargas a chance to win and that's the way it went. McMurtry will have to be pitted against better foes if he is to achieve his ambition of being rated a heavyweight contender. The gate was approximately $8000.

Dave Roy, 202, Vancouver B. C. decisioned Andy Walker, 201, San Francisco in a sixer. Sonny O'Mara, 180, Tacoma took the duke from Andy Jurgens, 181½, Vancouver B. C. in another six. Dave Gottschalk, 157, Seattle, got the call over outweighed veteran Little Poppa Brown, 148, Seattle in four while Seattle's Bob Strattman, 186, let the big guns go and sunk Jerry Mansfield, 175, Vancouver B. C. in 2.

▶CASEY'S CORNER: . . . The great gulf that separates the simon pure champions from the paid to punch performers was never more glaringly illustrated than in Pat McMurtry's three-round demolition job on Reuben Vargas, the 1954 national AAU champion. Big Bob Albright and deacon Jack Hurley have reached the parting of the ways as Albright left Totem Town for L. A. Seattle will stage a big INTERNATIONAL Boxing Tournament in connection with its annual Seafair Week's celebrations. Sixteen Countries have so far agreed to send their "Champions" . . . Maxie Weisbarth is trying to get State Insurance for boxers in Washington, which is long overdue. . . .



DOWN ARIZONA WAY

By Al Fenn

▶PHOENIX ACTION — Zora Folley, 197, ranking heavyweight, knocked out Johnny Hollins of Austin, Tex., March 12 at Phoenix Madison Square Garden, in 1:29 of the second round. Folley floored Hollins with a left to the body and a short right to the ear after moving in with terrific flurries in the first round. Hollins, 200, was no match for the Arizona champion.

▶IN A 10-ROUND CO-FEATURE, Charlie Salas, 149, won a split decision over Mel Barker, 150, Austin, Tex. In other bouts, sensational Phoenix 160 pounder, Tony Montano, won his sixth consecutive KO, stopping John Garrett of Luke AFB in 1:41 of round 2. Fred Lewis, 174, Luke AFB, decisioned Nathan Ish, 170, Phoenix, in 4, and Bobby Ortiz, 147, won a decision over Fred Benton, 147, also in 4.

▶TUCSON ACTION—Charlie Salas, 149, finished with a burst to earn a unanimous decision over Tony Russo, 149, Loredo, Tex., in 10 rounds at Tucson Sports Center.

In the prelims—all four rounders—amateur boys were featured. John Munoz, 118, won a TKO when Jim Cooksey, 117, refused to come out for round 2; Rudy Martinez, 118, and Jeff Chandler, 118, battled to a draw; Ray Coleman, 112, decisioned Manny Ortiz, 112; Andy Rios, 126, won over Willie Baker, 127, and Charles Moore, 135, decisioned Fred McWilliams, 140. All were from Phoenix.

ARK-LA JABS

By Bill McIntyre

▶**SHREVEPORT,** March 15 (Gladden Harrison, promoter)—J. D. Marshall, 200, Red Chute, possessed too much power and class for Charles Scott, 189, Mooretown, in a professional heavyweight 10-rounder, blasting out a TKO in 1:25 of the second round. Marshall, who now carries a 9-2 pro record, was making a comeback after being shelved for several months with an eye injury.

In the 6-round semi-final, Laster Gilliard of Benton, the North Louisiana middleweight champion, outpointed Al McCoy, promising newcomer from Longview, Tex. Gilliard, one of North Louisiana's best fighters, showed effects of inactivity, having fought only twice in two years. Columbus Marshall, 152, Red Chute, TKO'd Billy Joe Brown, 157, Tyler, Tex., in 1:40 of the 2nd.

▶**MONROE,** March 26 (Gus Kallio, promoter) —Kenny Shields, 142, of Dallas, Tex., scored a split-decision victory over Johnny McKoin, 143, of Bastrop, in a welterweight 10-rounder at Kallio's Arena. It marked Shields' second split nod over the young Bastrop slugger in three months.

Each round lasted for two minutes instead of the usual three because of McKoin's age. Louisiana prohibits three-minute stanzas for minors and McKoin is only 18 years old.

In the 8-round semi-final Al McCoy of Longview, Tex. starched Columbus Marshall, Shreveport, after 1:28 of the seventh.

▶**SNAPPY SHORT JABS**—Lafayette light heavy Frank Schultz was awarded the sportsmanship trophy after the Western finals of the Golden Gloves at Chicago, Ill. . . . Fort Sill, Okla., won the 4th Army championship at Fort Polk, beating out the defending champions from Fort Polk in the process. . . . Ouachita College of Arkadelphia, Ark., hosted a 16-bout amateur card for the first time in history on March 29th, featuring mitt teams from Camden, Little Rock and North Little Rock. . . .

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO

By Less Huffman

Johnny Palmer, Columbus lightweight, who is undefeated in six pro fights, added another when he stopped John Avery of Detroit in the fifth round at Dayton. Jimmy Westenberger won his pro debut when he copped the nod over Jimmy Reader, Fort Wayne, in a four rounder.

Pete Schaefer, one of the leading featherweights back in the days of the First World War, passed away on March 11 in Cincinnati. Pete was 66 years old.

Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champion, was granted a license to referee wrestling by the Cincinnati Boxing and Wrestling Commission.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By Jack Levinson

THE CHAMPIONS OF THE AIRLANT BOXING tourney, staged at the Air Station gymnasium in Norfolk, were: Tom Crotty—heavyweight; Charlie Theebold—156 lbs.; Bill Smyth—147 lbs.; Gerald Brown—139 lbs.; Louis Lowery—132 lbs.; Bill Perkins—118 lbs.

▶ Two Norfolk Air Station boxers won titles in the Southeastern Regional Navy bouts staged at the N.A.S. gym in Norfolk. Your writer handled the 3rd man chores. The titleholders were: 125 lbs—King Craig (N.A.S.); 132 lbs—Nick Mullaney (N.A.S.); 156 lbs—Ron Pearson (Jacksonville); 175 lbs—Pat Patterson (Key West); Heavy—Henry Ebren (Key West).

▶ The new All-Army 165 lb champion is Jim Harrison, B battery, 550th AAA Battalion Norfolk. Champion Harrison hails from Portsmouth, Va. . . . Jimmy sports a record of 86 wins in 93 bouts. In May when Harrison receives his discharge from the army, he intends invading the "Punch-For-Pay" ranks.

▶ Coach Emmett Jacobs of the Police-Athletic team of Roanoke continues to produce champions. At the recent state championship tourney held at Roanoke, Jacobs squad won 7 of the 9 champion titles.

▶ Please have all reports at my home by the 22nd of each month. My address is: 7423 W. Kenmore Drive, Norfolk, Va.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. Jimmie Amann

GARVIN SAWYER REMAINS THE LONE CINCINNATI fighter to keep this city on the fistic map. The big heavyweight who is doing his fighting for popular Tom Tannas of Pittsburgh, turned in another victory at Arnold, Pa., when he stopped Calvin Butler in 4 rounds.

Sawyer is the best looking heavyweight prospect to come along from this district since Ezz Charles moved into the big circle.

▶ Cincinnati's other main eventer Isaac Vaughn ran into a tartar at Havana on March 10 and was stopped in one round by Victor Menendez.

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MICHIGAN FISTING FACTS

By Jack Waina

THE revival of small club boxing in Detroit appears short lived! Harry V. Glover, an insurance adjuster, staged an interesting five bout card at the Motor City Arena with only a sparse turn out. The lively show cost Glover only $600 for his talent, never-the-less he had to scrape to make ends meet.

Chuck Taylor, clever Detroit lightweight, had his hands full in beating Leon Rosana, of Indianapolis, in the eight round main event. Judge Jack Aspery and Referee Bobby Watson scored the contest in favor of Taylor 39-30 and 38-33 respectively and Judge Barney Plotnik had Rosana ahead 36-35.

Willie Russell, of Toledo, and Larue Harvey, of Detroit fought toe-to-toe for four solid rounds without a letup much to everyone's delight. Russell was given the split decision.

The six bout undefeated streak of Len Richards, Detroit heavyweight, came to an end when Chuck Church, of Saginaw, upset him in another four.

A couple of former Detroit golden glover champions scored knockouts over a pair of Saginaw entries. Welterweight John Powell iced Charley Allen at 2:54 of the opening round for his third straight knockout, and Leo Bailey stopped middleweight Paul Ozzie at 1:13 of the second round

Mickey Crawford, Saginaw welterweight, returned home after touring New York and Florida, to score his most sensational victory in his short professional career when he outpointed veteran Paddy DeMarco, former lightweight champion of the world. The ten rounder, staged at the Saginaw Auditorium by promoters Hank Steinert and Julius Piazza, drew 2,000 fans who paid a net of $6,000.

In the main prelim, Osse Groom, highly touted amateur heavy, made his pro entry a success by halting Chuck Church, Saginaw heavy in the first round. Actually the referee's verdict on this one was very odd. Church was definitely hurt, but never down or serious, however, the referee stumbled during the action and in doing so halted the match.

Leroy Jeffery, clever young lightweight, halted Nap Ludy in a good action bout in the fourth round. Ducky Dietz stopped Charles Pittman in the first round. Pittman was on his back and it took several minutes to revive him. Arthur Turner, Detroit middleweight, bested Leo DeJardins, of Windsor, in four, and Jimmy Wright, Saginaw lightheavy, won his pro debut over Willie Bryant in another four.

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IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Lenny Myers

CHICAGO'S RANKING MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTENDER, Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, 159½, pounded out a one-sided ten round decision over Wilf Greaves, 161¼, in a spirited bout at the Chicago Stadium. Greaves, a last minute substitute, was willing but that's all he could claim. 1,136 fans turned out to see the nationally televised bout presented by the International Boxing Club.

In prelim bouts, Eddie Smith who changed his name to Jim Dandy, 160, Detroit, beat Dolfus Brown, 160, Louisville, in six rounds. Allan Kennedy, 147, Detroit, beat Jackie Williams, 150, in a fast six spot. Rudy Ellis, 154, Chicago, defeated Abe Linnear, 158, also from Chicago, in four rounds. Stanley Mylinsky, 181, Chicago, beat George Jarosch, 178, Milwaukee, in six heats. Ernie Smith, 161, beat Joe Prior, 159, in four rounds.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By Eric Moolman

Jimmy Martinez, of America, narrowly beat Jimmy Elliott, of South Africa, on points over 10 rounds in their return bout at the Showgrounds, Port Elizabeth.

It was a hard, gruelling, and often spectacular fight. Elliott was not in the best of condition and Martinez was a clear winner.

▶ Ewie Vorster retained his South African welterweight title when he KO'd Len von Graevenitz in the 8th round in the Johannesburg City Hall. After the bout von Graevenitz was taken to hospital with slight concussion, but was later discharged.

Welterweight: (6 rounds) Basie van Rensburg KO'd Sample Pretorius in 3rd.

Featherweight: (6 rounds) Ronnie Dean outpointed Wally Hillier.

Middleweight: (4 rounds) Billy Lotter outpointed Gert van Heerden.

Welterweight: (4 rounds) Henry Stapelberg outpointed Jackie Jacobs.

▶ A capacity crowd saw three national non-European champions retain their titles in the Durban City Hall.

Saxton Mabena, national non-European Bantamweight champion, beat John Ntuli, who retired after the sixth round.

Joe Ngidi, the non-European Welterweight titleholder, KO'd Billy Wilkin in the 11th round.

Elijah Mokone, South African non-European Featherweight champion, outpointed Enoch Nhlapo in a rather dull bout.

▶ CORNER CHATTER: Mike Holt and Benny Nieuwenhuizen are doing well down in Australia. Holt KO'd both their Middle- and Light-heavyweight champions. . . . Willie Toweel, South African and Empire Lightweight champ and Ewie Vorster, S. A. Welter champ, will be off to Europe soon for a series of bouts. . . . Write me at P. O. Box 171, East London, South Africa for any information on South African boxers.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Kenneth (Duke) Stigner

After a lapse of nearly five years professional boxing made its return to Scranton, and was given the red carpet treatment. Promoter Frank Silvia did a swell job. The card was pleasing and everyone attending had nothing but praise for the manner in which the show was presented.

2,310 fans attended. Bob Provizzi, Freeland, gained a split decision over Tony Baldoni, Wilkes-Barre, now fighting out of Baltimore in the feature. The decision was wildly booed.

Baldoni, a Basilio-Marciano type of fighter, was the aggressor. Tony was the much harder hitter, but a bit wild at times.

Baldoni's best rounds in my book were the second and the fifth. In the second Tony had his man staggering.

The Referee called it, Provizzi, 46, Baldoni, 44: Judge Rabiega, had Baldoni winning, 49, Provizzi, 38 and Judge Mihal saw it, Provizzi, 40, Baldoni, 38. The five point must system was used.

The referee stopped the scheduled 8-round semi-final, featuring Charles Douglas, 136, Baltimore, Md., and Marvin Hickman, 137½, New York City, after 45 seconds of the fifth round. Douglas, substitute for Walter Brown had dropped Hickman four times. In the fifth he was again dropped from a short right and the ref wisely stepped in.

Jackie Castellani, former amateur boxing star from nearby Peckville, and former Blakely football star, now fighting out of Newark, N. J., scored an impressive win in his first pro scrap. Before his home town fans, Jackie, 135½, lost the first round to Gene Johnson, 141½, Newark, N. J. Jackie came back in the second round planted a right to the stomach and followed it with a smashing left hook that sent the Jersey boy down on his back. The referee reached the count of seven with Johnson still on his back. He rolled over on his stomach, but was helpless at the 10 toll.

In the four-rounders Warren McIntosh, 143, Bronx, N. Y. decisioned Juan Hernandez, 148, Puerto Rico, and Felix Machado, 147, Havana, Cuba, drew with Bill Paul, 145, Jamaica, L. I. The gate was $5,588.

▶ Just two weeks before the first show in five years was held in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre came up with its first pro show in years. It was a new talent show, featuring 6 and 4-rounders. The results:

Marion Hunter, 158, took a decision from Bobby Barnes, 161, of Wilkes-Barre; Chuck Bloss, 147, Newtown scored a ko in 2:50 of the second heat over Wesley Servance, 150, Philly. Dave Marvel, Norristown gained a KO over Bobby Banks, Syracuse, with 16 seconds left to go in the six round, Marvel tagged Banks with a left jab and floored him for the count with a terrific right.

In the four rounders Frank Dudley, Wilkes-Barre won a decision from Raldolph Ingram, Norristown. Billy Goodman decisioned Bob Brubacker, and Ray Machinski lost on a TKO in the first round to James Dover. The show drew over 1,000 fans.

Pennsylvania's three members of the Athletic Commission added prestige to the Atlas Sports Enterprises' inaugural by being at the ringside. . . . Mayor Hanlon awarded a trophy to the Baldoni-Provizzi winner. . . . but the crowd was too busy booing the decision to hear a word the mayor said. . . . The new Atlas club plans to operate on a monthly basis on Tuesday nights. Town Hall A. C. has chosen Saturday nights for its showings. . . . The Elks annual Charity amateur show is rapidly taking shape. . . . My address: 109 Robinson St., Chinchilla, Pa.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS

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and government takes its share of the taxes from the sport and the fighter without granting him the benefits others receive.

Here's a tip to Congressman Celler and others who have kept their name in the spotlight with demands for legislative action to protect sports through anti-trust action. Protect those who make it possible for promoters to reap fortunes through television and radio sponsorship of boxing, baseball and other sports. How? By giving security to these short-lived athletes through Workmen's Compensation Laws and the Social Security Laws that all workmen except athletes enjoy.

Boxing, taxed by state and Federal government, is as much a branch of labor as it is that of the ordinary working class except, that like the doctor, the lawyer and the scientist, the boxer engages in a specialized branch. Unlike other specialists, however, he receives no protection, has no security during old age except through charity. He must depend wholly on his compensation during his years of activity. The sole protection under the present laws in each state is insurance during a bout in which he engages—hospitalization and death benefit.

It is time for a change. Our legislators should consider the plight of the professional athletes, especially the boxers by enacting legislation that will place them under the Workmen's Compensation regulations and the social security laws.

BOXING ON SUNDAY?

Senator George Miller, Jr., introducing his bill in the California legislature to legalize boxing and wrestling on Sundays and on Memorial Day, remarked:

"It is not that I think anybody wants to stage boxing matches on Sunday, but if people want to attend or participate in those sports on the Sabbath, I think it is their own business."

Could it be possible that the good Senator acted on his own in bringing the measure before the legislature? Could it be that though *"nobody wants to stage Sunday shows"*, the sponsor has taken the initiative without realizing that his action will set in motion a movement in his home state to bring the sports into further difficulties through attacks by church organizations?

Isn't boxing in sufficient hot water without facing a barrage from the church-going public? The ban has been on for thirty-nine years and in the best interests of boxing should remain in force.

THAT GOLDEN AGE

If the bill introduced by the Illinois State legislature to ban boxers over thirty years from participating in contests of more than ten rounds were passed, most of our top fighters would find themselves eliminated from competing in championships. In the past decade the best boxers in the world have been between thirty and thirty-two.

Many were past the thirty-five years mark and gave a good account of themselves. There is nothing wrong with having a boxer who has reached beyond his thirtieth birthday to take part in a bout of fifteen rounds if he is in good health and has passed the physical examination of the Commission.

I would advise the legislators, Joseph F. Fanta and Henry Lenard, who introduced that bill in Springfield, Illinois, to look at the record of such stars as Jack Johnson, Bob Fitzsimmons, Archie Moore, Jack Britton among dozens of others. They might change their mind about such a bill.

FULLMER HONORED

With Governor Clyde leading the way, Mayor Stewart and a host of State and city dignitaries and executives of the Kennecott Copper Company honored Gene Fullmer at a banquet in the Utah Hotel of Salt Lake City on the eve of his departure for training camp to prepare for his return engagement with Ray Robinson. In addition to receiving from "The Ring" Editor the middleweight championship belt, Gene was honored with a beautiful plaque by the employees of the copper company for which he works as a welder and a copper coated glove, the presentation being made by Rex Layne, former Utah heavyweight who is Gene's sidekick at the mines. The glove is one of the pair with which he won the title. The other will receive similar treatment at the plant and then be shipped to "The Ring" Museum.

Governor Clyde was high in his praise of Gene as a model young man whose aid to the State in its drive against juvenile delinquency has borne fruit.

The belt was the 177th award to champions.

EUROPEAN BOXING THREATENED

While boxing in America is suffering a severe setback through concerted attacks in the courts, European boxing, both amateur and pro, is suffering heavily from another source of attack—legislative. In Belgium, the House of Representatives has approved a bill making it illegal to stage boxing and wrestling in public and if the measure is passed by the Senate, which editorial comment from overseas indicates is certain, the sport will be outlawed. Foes of boxing have thus won the first round of an uphill battle that started nine years ago and if successful, the fight will be carried into other countries.

Already Dr. Edith Summerskill, Minister of Labor in the last Socialist government of England is crusading for outlawing of the sport in England. Her book, in which she viciously attacks boxing, has gained for her many supporters despite the fact that her premise is all wet.

Similar attacks have been launched in Italy where seventeen Catholic Church Bishops and Archbishops have launched a movement to have the church places a ban on boxing.

In Scandinavia and in Sweden, in France and in Luxembourg, similar movements have been launched.

Why all these attacks?

Place the blame on the scandals in which boxing has been involved during the past few years.

Those within the sport are responsible. They haven't seen beyond their nose and by their viciousness, their greed and their lack of vision, they have brought on what has now become a determined effort on the part of powerful, influential people to abolish boxing.

No matter what methods are pursued, the sport will definitely suffer, but will survive. Its influences for good, particularly as an aid in building morale in the armed forces of every nation is too well known to have the crusaders succeed.

They may outlaw the sport in various parts of Europe to the regret of the nation, but they'll never succeed in turning the trick in our country.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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decision was reversed. The bout is in Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book as a victory for Dundee.

In the last fight of 1935 at the Garden Risko faced Britisher Jock McAvoy, but not for long. McAvoy landed a right on Risko's jaw just a few moments after the fight started and that was it, one of the fastest knockouts in Garden history. In 1937 Risko came back to the Garden again in an effort to regain the middleweight crown which he had meanwhile lost to Freddie Steele in Seattle. But a Garden victory still cluded him, Steele retaining the title after fifteen rounds.

We always felt Risko should have retired after the defeat by Steele but he went on to a dozen more tough fights, winning only one and being knocked out eight times, the last five in a row.

Too bad Paris Promoter Gilbert Benaim couldn't have anticipated the fire which interrupted the Halimi-D'Agata bantamweight title bout. He could have advertised: *"There'll be a hot time in the old club tonight."*

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

GLASGOW.—At The Kelvin Hall, the large crowd sat in astonishment as the young Welsh flyweight, Len Reece of Cardiff, 113½, pounded into their champion Frank Jones, 112¼. The referee Frank was forced to stop the contest in the eighth of a ten round affair, owing to the Welshman having sustained a badly cut eye. Reece was all set for a win, for he had scored three knockdowns and held a convincing points lead at the closure. . . . In the Scottish bantamweight eliminator, Archie Downie, Parkhead, 117¾, and Malcolm Grant, Springburn, 116¾, served the cash customers and the free ticket holders with a battle that will be talked about for some time in the boxing arenas . . . After a toe to toe battle, Grant came off second best, and it was no surprise in the fourth round after he had taken a long count his manager announced his retirement at the end of the round. . . . Ayree Jackson, Gold Coast, 126½, well and truly outpointed Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, 128½, in eight. . . . "Cowboy" McCormack, Maryhill, 161¼, Olympic Games Bronze Medalist, had an easy task to gain a points win over Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 161, in six.

▶ BLACKPOOL.—Freddy Bancroft, Cockermouth, 127, knocked out Cliff Giles, Linton, 124, in the second round. . . . Tex Williams, Carlisle, 150, had a quick win over Don Jarvis, Nottingham, 150, the referee intervening to save Jarvis from further punishment. . . . Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 127, outpointed Tony Russell, Leeds, 129, in four. . . . Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 135, knocked out Jed Kerpack, Blackpool, 139, in the first. . . . Gerry Parker, Nottingham, 113, outpointed Jimmy Hernon, Manchester, 116, in four. . . . Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 132½, outpointed Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 131, in four.

▶ BELFAST.—Over in the Emerald Isle, boxing is flourishing, Promoter George Connell with the assistance of Mike Callahan, stage a show weekly at The Ulster Hall with the smaller fry. This gives him opportunities for developing attractions for the more Spacious Kings Hall, Balmoral. . . . The Ulster Hall was packed to the doors to see George Lavery, 165, Belfast, stop Alan Dean, Birkenhead, 160½, in the fourth after the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . Fredie Gilroy, Belfast, 118¾, disposed of Danny McNamee, Dundee, 119¼, in the second, via the K.O. route. . . . Charlie Cosgrove, Belfast, 149½, outpointed Bob Roberts, Nigeria, 149¾, in eight. . . . The most thrilling bout of the night was that between Andy Doherty, Derry, 125½, and Billy Skelly, Balfast, 120½. The decision at the end of eight rounds was awarded to Doherty. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 131¾, outpointed Paul Duffy, Belfast, 139¼, in six.

▶ WEMBLEY.—George Carroll, Covent Garden, 127¼, showed marked improvement in his bout with Arthur Devlin, Millwall, 127, and scored a good points win over six rounds, and also handling Devlin his first defeat in the professional ring. . . . Dennis Booty, Stepney, 160, clearly outpointed Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 159, in six. . . . Billy Corcoran, Acton, 146, won a close points victory over Jimmy Norcott, Bethnal Green, 142¾, in six. . . . Dennis East, Dagenham, 120½, won the best bout of the night, when he outpointed Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 120½, in six. . . . Johnny Cole, Bow, 172¼, stopped Johnny Burke, Acton, 173, in the second. . . . Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 159½, was a narrow points winner over Billy Collins, Stepney, 161, in six. . . . Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 162½, was too strong for Vernon Goodman, Poole, 164, and the referee intervened at the end of the fifth, after the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . Wally Bhudoo, British Guiana, 121½, knocked out Dave Board, Poole, 118½, in the third.

▶ BLACKPOOL.—Bill Boyd, Birkenhead, 154¼, scored a points win over Tex Williams, Carlisle, 151½, in six. . . . After serving in the army overseas for three years, Peter Goldie, Todmorden, 158, made a welcome re-appearance in a British ring with a one round win over Arnold Beaumont, Leeds, 156, who was forced to retire at the end of the round after receiving a damaged eye. . . . Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 120¼, outpointed Billy Adams, Newcastle, 125, in four. . . . Barry Wingfield, Nottingham, 131½, and Colin Clough, Blackpool, 128½, fought each other to a standstill in their four rounder, before the latter received the points decision. . . Brian Beck, Whitehaven, 150, and Jeff Hollingsworth, Bradford, 141, fought a draw in four.

▶ BELFAST.—Gil Neill, Belfast, 129½, made it nine in a row when he stopped Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 129, in the fourth. . . . Don Doherty, Belfast, 154¼, stopped Stan Hooker, Bournemouth, 162, in the third when the latter failed to answer the bell. . . . Jim "Spike" McCormick, Belfast, 133¼, Knocked out Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 140, in the fourth. . . . Jim O'Brien, Belfast, 140¾, knocked out Johnny Blane, Belfast, 140, in the seventh. . . . Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 119½, outpointed Billy Adams, Belfast, 123, in six.

▶ NEWCASTLE.—Tommy DuPreez, South Africa, 176¼, has established himself as a firm favorite with the fans in this Northern Town. The main reason is because matchmaker Joe Shepherd and the fans know that he is always giving "ACTION". His opponent on this occasion was Serge Leveque, France, 166½, who lasted till the eighth before referee Tommy Watson, Ex-British featherweight champion, called a halt to save the Frenchman from further punishment. . . . Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 164¾, won a close points decision over Willie Armstrong, Glasgow, 171½, after eight hectic rounds. . . . Dave Croll, Dundee, 129½, knocked out Ken Scott, Gateshead, 136½, in the second. . . . George McDade, Glasgow, 115, outpointed Ron Elvin, Cardiff, 115, in six. . . . John O'Brien, Glasgow, 128½, outpointed Len Harvey, Cardiff, 130½, in six.

▶ National Sporting Club, LONDON.—Frankie Kelly, Liverpool, 123, suffered his first defeat as a porfessional, when he was forced to retire at the end of the third round with a badly cut eye. Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 126½, was his opponent, and can be considered a lucky winner. . . . Terry Toole, Hackney, 121½, easily outpointed Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 122½, in eight. . . . Terry Gill, West Ham, 146, gained a clear points win over Don Symonds, Bellingham, 146¼, in six. . . . Paddy O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 142, confirmed previous opinion, that he will make a top liner when he stopped Pat Price, Newry, 145, in the fifth. . . . Vic Bower, Hornchurch, 134½, outpointed Jackie Phillips, Covent Garden, 132½, in six. . . . Pat Loughran, Belfast, 145½, was disqualified in the third round for persistent holding, and his opponent George Davis, Nigeria, 148, was declared the winner.

▶ BIRMINGHAM.—Boxing fans in this area did not take kindly to the star attraction between Brian London, Blackpool, 201¾, and Robert Duquesne, France, 192, and many empty seats were to be seen at the Embassy Sportsdrome. The Frenchman was a joke as an opponent for London, and after 1 min. 50 secs. of the first round in which he never attempted to land a punch, he was counted out amid boos from those that did attend. . . . Boswell St Louis, Trinidad, 142, always puts up a good display in the ring, and on this occasion it was no exception. Ray Corbett, 144½, the local southpaw, gave all that he had, but Boswell knew all the answers to the southpaw stance, and was a clear winner after eight hard fought rounds. . . . Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 165, stopped Jackie Scott, Preston, 166, in the third. Edwards improves with every bout, and as soon as he reaches his majority, he will be a force to be considered when nominations for the Welsh and British titles are paired. . . . Stan Skinkiss, Manchester, 137, outpointed Ronnie Rush, Cardiff, 138, in eight. . . . Joe Walcott, Trinidad, 166¼, knocked out Jimmy Edwards, Wolverhampton, 165, in the first. . . . Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 186, stopped Peter Woodward, Birmingham, 173¾, in the first. . . . Peter Goldie, Huddersfield, 161, stopped Ron Vale, Leamington, 159, in the fourth.

▶ LEICESTER.—Keeping fit paid off for Preston's Johnny Sullivan. He was called upon at short notice to substitute for Randy Turpin against Arthur Howard of Islington, in what was to be for Turpin's cruiserweight title. . . . After ten gruelling rounds with little between them, referee Stan Hiles of Leicester raised the hand of Sullivan as the winner. Both scaled inside 177. . . . Johnny Halafihi, Tonga, 173½, battered Neville Rowe, Australia, 175¼, for three rounds before the referee intervened in the Tongan's favour. . . . George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 167¾, outpointed Jacob Dempsey, Leicester, 160, in six. . . . Dennis Hinson, Dagenham, 136¾, outpointed Clive Campling, Norwich, 138, in eight. . . . Tony Dove, Battersea, 176½, gained a clear points win over Ken Rowlands, Luton, 171¾, eight. . . . Basil Kew, Putney, 187½, clowned his way to a points win over George Naufahu, Tonga, 193½, in four. . . . Len Mullen, Glasgow, 173, cleverly outpointed Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 175½, in six. . . . Mick Leahy, Coventry, stopped Bob Batey, Newcastle, in the first of a welterweight bout.

▶ BLACKPOOL.—Alf Cottam, Preston, 130½, turned in a good performance, when acting as a substitute to outpoint Percy James, Southport, 129½, in six. . . . Martin McDonagh, Dublin, 122½, outpointed Lol Reaney, Southport, 123, in four. . . . Doug Lewis, Nottingham, 133, stopped Tony Russell, Leeds, 130, in four. . . . Peter McKenna, Preston, 145, made a good start in his initial professional bout, by stopping Brian Beck, Whitehaven, 141, in the second. . . . John Bamborough, Hartlepools, 133, outpointed

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

TO APRIL 20, 1957

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (W)	Yolande Pompe (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Bygraves (J)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Mike Holt (SA)	Darby Brown (A)
3. Kitione Lave (To)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Yama Bahama (B)	Attu Clottey (WA)
4. Dick Richardson (W)	Randy Turpin (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Peter Waterman (E)
5. Henry Cooper (E)	Albert Finch (E)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	Evie Vorster (SA)
6. Brian London (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Les Allen (E)	Sandy Manuel (WA)
7. Peter Bates (E)	Arthur Howard (E)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Frank Johnson (E)
8. Ewart Potgieter (SA)	Tommy du Preez (SA)	Lew Lazar (E)	Hector Constance (T)
9. Tom Hini (F)	Sammy Langford (N)	Barry Brown (NZ)	Peter King (E)
10. Allen Williams (A)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Bill Beazley (NZ)	Billy Todd (A)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Percy Lewis (T)	Kevin James (A)	Frankie Jones (S)
3. Dave Charnley (E)	Jimmy Brown (I)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Len Reece (W)
4. Boswell St. Louis (T)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	John Smillie (S)	Bindi Jack (A)
5. Joe Lucy (E)	Bobby Neill (S)	Chic Brogan (S)	Pat Supple (C)
6. J. van Rensburg (SA)	Charley Hill (S)	George Dormer (E)	Dennis Adams (SA)
7. Jason Radebe (SA)	Matt Fulton (S)	Graham v.d.Walt (SA)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
8. George Bracken (A)	Roy Jacobs (WA)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
9. Sammy Bonnici (M)	Rafu King (WA)	Ronnie Dean (SA)	Ado Garuba (WA)
10. Billy Kelly (I)	Jomo Jackson (WA)	Peter Moledi (SA)	Ezekial Shole (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbadoes; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Hondoras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand (S)Scotland (SA) South Africa (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 133½, in four. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 145, outpointed Jimmy Cottrell, Birkenhead, 145, in four.

▶BELFAST.—Teddy Barker, Swindon, 129¾, always held the upper hand against Billy Smith, Bangor, 128, in their eight rounder, and was worthy points winner. . . . Arty Magil, the Belfast southpaw, 139, punched too hard for Derek Clarke, Burnley, 131, and the latter was knocked out in the third. . . . Al Thomas, Belfast, 136¼, knocked out Jim O'Brien, Belfast, 140, in the second. . . . Billy Baker, Belfast, 130, chased Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 130, for eight rounds to win on points. . . . Billy Kane, Belfast, 114, knocked out Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 115, in the second.

▶DERBY.—Eric Brett, Retford, 120, enhanced his reputation with a good win over George O'Neill, Belfast, 119, when the latter was forced to retire in the fourth with a badly damaged eye. . . . Bill Wooding, Birmingham, 146¼, after a shaky start, recovered well to gain a points win over Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 145, in eight. . . . Jerry Parker, Beeston, 114, defeated Pete Halberg, Grimsby, 112, on points in six. . . . Reg Jackson, Derby, 130¼, stopped Roger Westlake, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 128½, in the first. . . . Cliff Purnell, Bath, stopped Tommy Rogers, Ballymena, in the fourth of a heavyweight bout.

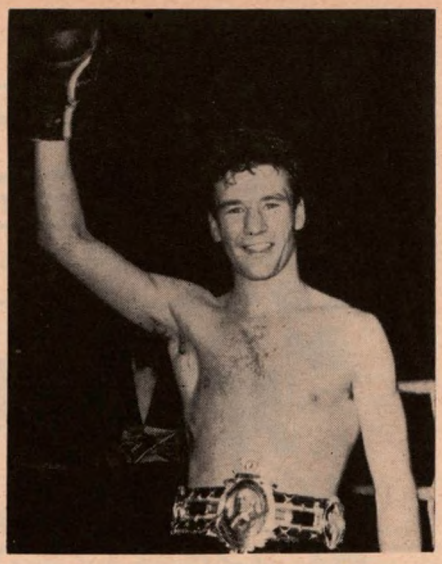
▶WALSALL.—Pancho Bhattchaji, India, 108, was declared the winner over Ron Elvin, Cardiff, 113, in the sixth round when the latter was ruled out for persistent holding. . . . George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 168, stopped Jack Whittaker, Warick, 168, in the third. . . . Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 149, knocked out Tex Williams, Carlisle, 150, in the sixth. . . . Billy Adams, Newcastle, 127½, had to fight hard to win on points over Len Harvey, Cardiff, 127½, in six.

▶The Royal Albert Hall, LONDON.—Peter Waterman, welterweight champion of Great Britain, was in devastating form against the Scottish champion, Jimmy Croll of Dundee. The latter put up a good show for three rounds and then Waterman went to town in no lighthearted manner in the fourth, dealing out severe punishment. The referee Bill Williams acted quite rightly in stopping the bout when the Scottish lad was unable to defend himself. . . . both scaled inside 149. . . . Guy Gracia, France, 135¼, is one of the most popular continentals to appear in Britain. The reason for this is because the paying customers like to see a fit and willing performer although the said performer has one time or another put the skids under our leading lightweights. Guy kept his record clean again by handing out a neat lacing to Willie Lloyd, Brecon, 136¾. The Welsh champion gave the Frenchman his toughest battle to date, and it was after the sixth that Gracia put in his best work, punishing the game Welshman in rounds 7-8 and 9. before referee Jack Hart wisely called a halt to save a game lad further punishment. It would be wise for Willie Lloyd (who manages his own affairs) to take a long rest, for he has had too many hard bouts in the last few months.

When Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 145, recently stopped Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 145½, in two rounds, his connections strived hard to obtain a return, they claimed that Newman's form on that occasion was too bad. Their claim was justified for in the return bout over ten rounds, Newman gave as much as he received and well earned a division of the spoils, the decision of a draw was well received by the packed arena. . . . Chic Brogan, Clydebank, 119¾, upset the betting odds when he scored a good points win over George Dormer, East Ham, 119½, in eight. . . . Johnny Cole, Bow, 174, stopped Stan Cullis, Coventry, 169, in the fourth. . . . Terry Gill, West Ham, 147½, defeated Vic Smith, Croydon, 149, in the fifth, when the referee intervened to save Smith from further punishment. . . . Danny Wall, Wembley, 171¾, put Phil Harrington, Guildford, 174¼, on the canvas for three counts in first round before the referee Pat Floyd stopped the one sided bout in favour of Wall.

▶ROTHERHAM.—Denny Dawson, Sheffield, 130¾, had to fight hard all the way to win a points decision over Andrews Marty, Nigeria, 133¼, in eight. . . . Ken Lancaster, Mexboro', 149, stopped Bob Roberts, Nigeria, 148¼, in the seventh. . . . Peter Goldie, Huddersfield, 157½, and Barry Leonard, Nottingham, 157¾, battled hard for six rounds in which either man could have been named the winner. The referee decided that Goldie had got home by a "short head". Johnny Mercer, Nottingham, 144½, outpointed Harold Palmer, Doncaster, 148, in six. . . . Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 146, easily outpointed Roy Alway, Halifax, 145½, in six.

▶BLACKPOOL.—Tommy Keeley, Birkenhead, 149, gained a knock out win over Ron



Peter Waterman, British welterweight champion, was in devastating form against Scottish champion Jimmy Croll, stopping him in the fourth round at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

Batey, Newcastle, 151, in the second round. . . . Ray Jones, Cockermouth, 135, outpointed Ken Scott, Gateshead, 133½, in a sizzling four rounder. . . . Colin Clough, Blackpool, 126, made short work of Lol Reaney, Southport, 128, the latter was counted out in the first. . . . Jeff Hollingsworth, Halifax, 142, outpointed Roy Peterson, Blackpool, 138, in four. . . . Jackie Scott, Preston, 169, outpointed John Hunt, Birkenhead, 171, in six.

▶Kings Hall, BELFAST.—George Connell, Ireland's leading promoter, was amply awarded when a crowd of over 12,000 saw their fistic idol, Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 128½, score his 21st consecutive win, when he knocked out Andre Pierson, France, 127¼, in the ninth round. Billy Kelly, Derry, 137, sure ran out of "Lady Luck" in his contest with Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 136½. The Irish lad held a clear lead going into the seventh, and on breaking from a clinch, blood was seen to be coming from Kelly's left eyebrow. The referee on inspection wisely intervened and declared St. Louis the winner. . . . Paddy Graham, Belfast, 138¼, gained a clear points win over Ernie Fossey, Islington, 138½, in ten. . . . Gil Neill, Belfast, 129½, had no difficulty in outpointing Jimmy Black, Trinidad, 128, over eight rounds. . . . Freddie Gilroy, Belfast, 118½, outpointed Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 121¼, in six. . . . Micky Leahy, Coventry, 154, won an exciting six round points win over on Doherty, Belfast, 154½.

▶National Sporting Club—LONDON—Syd Greb, Liverpool, 145½, seemed to have the better of Paul King, Torquay, 146¾, in their eight round slugfest, but the referee decided that they were both even, and declared a draw. . . . After Ron Richardson, Canningtown, 143¼, had repeated his previous win over Tony Barrett, Pimlico, 147, in eight rounds, the latter decided that the boxing ring will see him no more as a combatant. . . . Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 138, gained a good points win over Jimmy Cottrell, Birkenhead, 140½, in six. . . . George Carroll, Covent Garden, 126½, outpointed Peter Reed, Cambridge, 127¼, in six. . . . Dennis East, Plaistow, 119, outpointed George Connors, Islington, 119, in six.

▶BIRMINGHAM.—Joey Armstrong, Ghana, 189¾, was too strong for Cliff Purnell, the Bath southpaw, 196, and after 2 mins. 30 secs. of the third round, the latter was counted out. . . . Andy Baird, Birmingham, 137, outpointed Teddy Barker, Swindon, 133, in six. . . . Eddie Ricketts, 147½, Birmingham, stopped Tex Williams, Carlisle, 148, in the third. . . . Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 160, stopped Fred Britton, Kings Lynn, 166¾, in the fourth. . . . Terry McHale, Liverpool, 127½, was declared the winner over Johnny Cole, Beeston, 127½, when the latter was ruled out for an alleged low blow, in the fifth. . . . Billy Allport, Walsall, 128, and Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 134½, fought a draw over six rounds.

▶WEMBLEY.—Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 137, forced Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 138, to retire at the end of the third round, the latter was then in a bad way, having sustained a badly cut eye and mouth. . . . Pancho Bhatachaji, India, 108½, outpointed Fred Wingfield, Nottingham, 116, in six. . . . Alf Drew, Hackney, 127, and Percy James, Southport, 128, fought a draw in six. . . . Ron Garnett, Earlsfield, 151, was a trifle lucky to be declared the winner over Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 149, after six rounds. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 143¾, scored a good win over Jimmy Norcott, Bethnal Green, 143½, in six. . . . Roy Hill, Fulham, 130, stopped Barry Wingfield, Nottingham, 127½, in the second. . . . Wally Bhudoo, British Guiana, 122¼, and Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 121, fought six rounds to a draw. . . . Joe Ceroni, Italy, 147, knocked out Ernie Reynolds, Brixton, 149, in the second.

▶CARDIFF.—Noel Trigg, Newport, 172½, retained his Welsh cruiserweight title when he defeated Don Sainsbury, Penarth, 172¾, n a mauling twelve round contest. . . . Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 161½, used Jack Johnson Cofie, Ghana, 160, as a human punch bag for eight rounds to win on points. . . . Freddie Cross, Abertillery, 159½, the new Welsh middleweight champion, was given a hard bout by Peter Longo, Covent Garden, 159, in their eight round bout, but was a worthy winner at the end. . . . Gerry Parker, Nottingham, 114½, outpointed Selwyn Langford, Slough, 114¾, in six. . . . Teddy Best, Cardiff, 139, was too experienced for Barney Beale, Lambeth, 137½, in their six rounder, and won on points. . . . Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 179, knocked out Ken Gardner, Newport, 181¼, in the fourth.

▶Guernsey.—Boxing came back with a bang here and crowds had to be turned away. Danny Wall, Wembley, 174, outpointed the local, Johnny Veron, Guernsey, 172, over eight rounds. Norman Veron, Guernsey, 139, outpointed Ken Lewis, Jamaica, 135, in six. . . . Allan Branquet, Guernsey, 120, and Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 119, battled six rounds to a draw. . . . Don Cosheril, Alderney, 122, outpointed John Collier, Stepney, 128, in six. . . . Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 164, outpointed Johnny Burke, Acton, 172, in six. Stan Loriet, South Africa, 173½, stopped Tommy Cummings, Ireland, 191, in the first.

▶BELFAST.—Jim "Spike" McCormick, Belfast, 135, added another scalp to his long list of victories, when he knocked out Tony McCory, Greenock, 132½, in the fourth. . . . Danny McNamee, Dundee, 117, handed the first professional defeat to Ivan McCready, Millisle, 115½, in hard fought eight rounds. . . . Billy Barnes, Belfast, 113, made a comeback to the ring after a long lay-off. The former Belfast Star, gained a good points win after eight rounds against Billy Kane, Belfast, 113½. . . . Johnny Blane, Belfast, 141½, knocked out Tommy Bleeks, Stewarts Town, 142¼, in the first. . . . Bobby Griffin, Belfast, 136, knocked out Dick O'Brien, Belfast, 132, in the second.

▶STREATHAM.—Albert Finch, Croydon, 174¾, won the fight of his life, at thirty years of age he gained a very close points win over Terrence Murphy, Canning Town, 174½, in a thrilling and hotly disputed twelve round contest, that had the fans howling for more, in what could be one of the best cruiseweight battles one could wish to witness. . . . Freddie Cross, Abertillery, 159¼, suffered his first defeat, when the referee intervened in the first round of his contest with Johnny Read, Norwood, 159½, when he received a badly cut eye. Incidently, Read leaves for Canada shortly, and will take up his profession amongst the Canadian middleweights. . . . Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 127¾, outpointed Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 128¼, in eight spirited rounds. . . . Tony Dove, Battersea, 174¾, was a worthy points winner over Jack London, Blackpool, 172, in eight. . . . Allen Pompey, Trinidad, 215, a protege of John Huston, the film director, made his first appearance in a British ring with a points win over Cliff Purnell, Bath, 200½, in four. . . . Eddie Hearn, Battersea, 204½, outpointed Fenwick Ward, Trinidad, 214, in eight. . . . Harry Edwards, Smethwick, 136½, outpointed Johnny Phillips, Covent Garden, 136, in four.

▶It took Pasqual Perez, of Argentina, world's flyweight champion, 106½, just two minutes of the first round to score a K.O. over the British & Empire flyweight champion, Dai Dower, 111¾.

Dower was knocked out by a short right to the chin, which was preceded by a left hook to the body. The Welshman said after the bout, that he could not get his feet to move fast enough to get about the ring.

A crowd of 80,000 excited fans were surprised at the quick ending of the contest, and it will go down on record as the largest gathering to witness a WORLD'S FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS

By Harlan Haas

HOUSTON, TEXAS BOXING ENTERPRISES:—Joe Brown, showing in Houston for the first time since he successfully defended his lightweight title, met a real tough guy in the French Canadian, Armand Savoie, but managed to outbox his durable foe in ten action-packed rounds. Brown scaled 135½, Savoie 136¾.

Paul Pacheco, 126, Pueblo, Colo., a crowd favorite, stopped Ruben Munoz, 127, Lubbock, in six rounds. In another eight, rock fisted Ray Phillips, 189, Cambridge, Mass., iced elongated John Hunt, 190, Tyler, in the second frame. Roger Johnson, 155, Duluth, Minn., hammered out a good six round win over highly regarded Robert E. Lee, 153, Houston. In the curtain raiser, Manuel Gonzales, 140, Odessa, handed Vernon Franks, 144, Houston, his first loss in a four rounder.

▶ Houston, Texas Boxing Enterprises, Inc.:—Armand Savoie, Montreal's rugged 135 pounder, was brought back to the Bayou City to swap leather with Davey Walden, a Youngstown Ohio toughie. He was never able to solve Walden's bob and weave style. Savoie weighed 134, Walden 132.

Paul Pacheco, 126, Pueblo, Colo., rocked tall Henry Watson, 130, Dallas, repeatedly but could never stow him away for keeps, and had to be content with an eight round decision. In another eight, Pat Supple, Montreal clashed with Texas bantamweight king, Henry Miramontes of Dallas. Miramontes crumpled to the deck to be counted out in 2:18 of round one.

In sixes, Teddy "Red Top" Mosley, 142, Mobile, Ala., had a real rough time with Charles Patterson, 142, Austin, but got the duke in a crowd pleaser. George Peyton, 195, Houston, returned to the ring wars after being on the shelf for four years, and kayoed Big Ben Marshall, 220, Oklahoma City, in 1:16 of the fifth round.

▶ Corpus Christi, Lauro Gonzales, Promoter:—Oscar Ortegon, 130, hammered out an eight round decision over Elias Reyes, 128, and is one of the State's finest prospects. Rudy Valdez, 121, another comer, kayoed Gustavo Carrera, 122, in seven. Don Glenn, 142, decisioned Miguel Corondo, 142, in four. Ruben Ramon, 142, stopped Leo Roberson, 144, in the second. Gerald Fowler, 154, beat Abel Escobar, 140, in the four round opener.

▶ Tyler, Earl Gilliam, Promoter:—Reagan "Buddy" Turman, 186, Tyler, stopped Jesse "Gorilla" Brown, 184, St. Louis, in the third round of the main attraction. Alvin Green, 175, State lightheavy champ who now calls Tyler home, decisioned Billy Tisdale, 180, Bridgeport, Conn., in eight rounds. Donnie Fleeman, 176, Midlothian, beat Johnny Hollins, 190, Austin, in six. Ruben Flores, 157, defeated Albert McCoy, 162, in four, and Arzel Higgs, 185, kayoed Willie Lee, in two.

▶ Lubbock, Geo. S. Berry Post #375, Am. Legion:—Johnny Nicholas, 129, hammered out an eight round decision over Henry Watson, 132, in a crowd-pleasing battle. Jesse Rodriguez, 132, stopped Joe O'Toole, 130, in five rounds. Paulie Nicholas, 148, beat Ray Terrazas, 147, in eight. Ruben Munoz, 132, decisioned Howard "Golden Boy" Milsap, 135, in eight rounds. Johnny Mason, 180, stopped Carl Tate, 180, in the third.

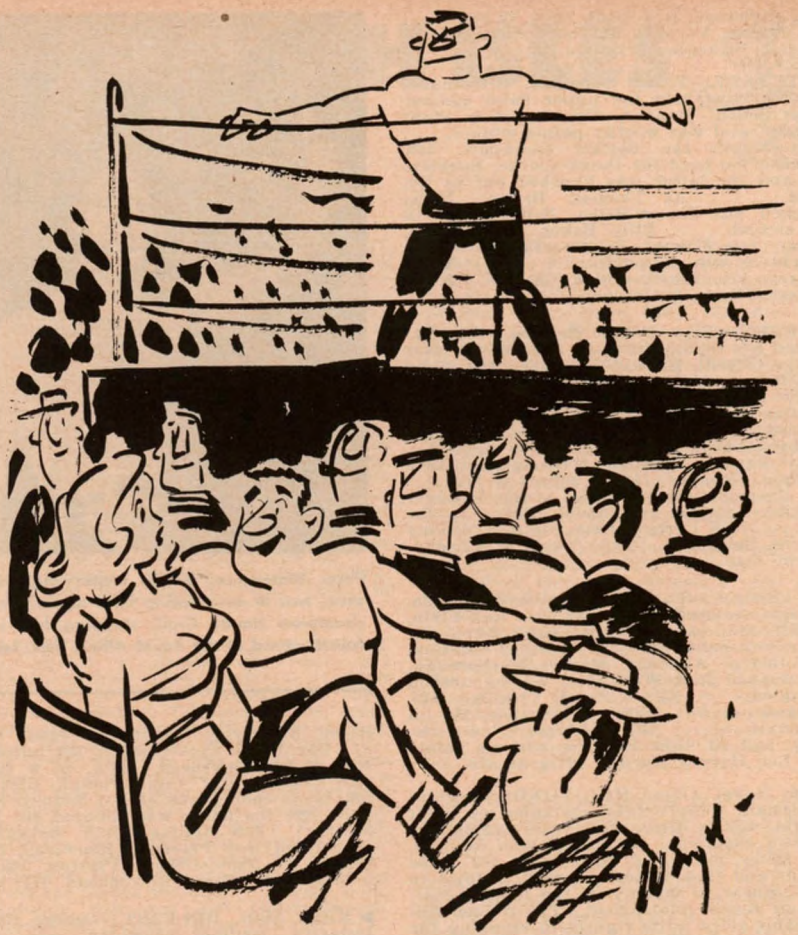
▶ Tyler, Selvin Walton, Promoter:—Paul Jorgensen, Port Arthur's world's ranking featherweight, was brought into Tyler for the first time, and won a unanimous ten round decision over Charley DeBow, a 127 pounder from Connecticut.

Mickey Brown, 160, Houston, beat Phil McCoy, 158, Benton Harbor, Mich., in six. Jimmy McCoy, 138, Benton Harbor, Mich., stopped Al Boudreaux, 140, New Orleans, in one. Floyd East, 139, Lake Charles, La., tkayoed Sonny Lane, 137, Houston, in two. S. D. Moore, 180, kayoed Preston Allen Martin, 185, in the second.

▶ Beaumont, Ray Campbell, Promoter:—Ray Campbell, who formerly promoted in Bastrop, Louisiana, staged his second show in Beaumont, featuring Baltazar "Junior" Flores, of Port Arthur, and Juan "Lefty" Perez, Corpus Christi. Junior starched the Valley Vet in the fifth round of the ten round feature attraction. Flores tipped the beam at 125, Perez at 126.

Irish Johnny McKoin, 144, Bastrop, La., another fine prospect, edged tough Armando Flores, 145, Houston, in a thrilling six round semi-final. Buck Wood, 159, Houston, was declared the winner in the second round of a six over Charlie Flint, 154, Houston. Flint who was making a good fight of it got a cut eye. George Price, 159, New Orleans and Houston, beat Robert Williams, 160, Monroe, La., in a good four rounder. Cheffy Reyna, 143, Houston, edged Earl Citizen, 144, in another four.

▶ Galveston, Geo. M. Triplett, Promoter:—Paul Jorgensen, 131, Port Arthur, required only two heats to dispose of Bobby Sampson, (Satchell) 132, Phoenix, Ariz.



"I'M NOT GOING BACK, I HAPPEN TO LIKE IT HERE."

Floyd East, 138, Lake Charles, La., really had to hustle to eke out a close one over busy Bobby Garza, 135, Corpus Christi. Bobby came on fast as the eight round bout drew to a close, and the decision was booed. Pete Washington, 153, Chicago, and Henry Burton, 163, Monroe, La., had their six round bout halted in the third and declared a no contest. Harold Gillis, 150, Galveston, kayoed Tony Gonzales, 155, Houston, in two rounds. Sherman Goodman, 173, Houston, starched Barry Fitzgerald, 185, Galveston, in three rounds.

▶ San Antonio, Jimmy Parks, Promoter:—Eloy Tellez Vann, 170, San Antonio, stopped the Wichita, Kansas veteran, Alvin Williams, 168, in the fifth round.

Frank Valdez, 129, San Antonio, beat Gino Tovar, 122, Corpus Christi, in four. Jesse Gutierrez, 138, San Antonio, drew in four with Ruben Ramon, 144, Corpus Christi. Oscar Ortegon, 130, Corpus Christi, won in six over Ernest Ramos, 126, San Antonio. Santiago Gutierrez, 167, San Antonio, iced Frankie Farr, Flour Bluff, 170, in one.

▶ Austin, Earl Evans, Promoter:—The widely travelled Jimmy Martinez, 160, Phoenix, Ariz., came back to the Capitol City and won a 10 round decision over Rocky Coballero, 158, local middleweight.

Valentin Luna, 142, Austin, won an eight round decision over Gil Tapia, 138, San Antonio. Frankie Duran, 118, Austin, won a close six round bout from battling Paul Estrada, a New York Puerto Rican. Frankie Corpus, 145, Austin, was declared the victor after a real tough battle with Raymond Duran, 148, another Puerto Rican from N. Y. Roy Sparks, 147, Austin, stopped Lupe Alvarado, 154, Austin, in three.

▶ Port Arthur, Seems like that Paul Jorgensen is fighting once a week. He popped up in his hometown of Port Arthur and before a sell-out crowd, he unloosed a vicious assault as he ripped Ohio's Jesse Rodriguez to pieces in two rounds. Paul weighed 130, Rodriguez 129.

Floyd East, 138, Lake Charles, La., was again the victor over Bobby Carza, 135, Corpus Christi, and again the decision was booed. They went six action packed rounds. Armando Flores, 142, Houston, kayoed Ervin Chaline, 145, Lake Charles wildman, in three rounds with a right to the midsection. Roland Manuel, 142, Lake Charles, won a hotly contested four from Cheffy Reyne, 145, Houston.

▶ Many readers of Ring will recall Sammy Musco, the great little club fighting Italian from Omaha, who fought as a featherweight and lightweight back thru the thirties, and ended his career in 1940. Sammy is now singing with the very popular Jesse Compean Orchestra at Ralph Smith's Ringside Club in Houston, and doing a teriffic job.

▶ EYEBALLIN' A FEW HAPPENIN'S—J. D. Laird, tall, 18 year old featherweight from Houston, a real prospect. He won his first pro start over Ruhl Brumley in Monroe, La. Had an illustrious amateur career. Held two regional Golden Glove bantamweight titles, was the Gulf AAU bantam king, and State TAAF bantam championship. A powerful right hand puncher—watch him. . . .

Baltazar "Junior" Flores, Port Arthur, has sixteen consecutive pro wins, and should go far.

ALBUQUERQUE BOXING BEAT

By James P. Cleary

CHARLIE BLACK, 163, LOS ANGELES, elongated middleweight, made short work of it when he put away Bernie Giron, 154, Albuquerque, New Mexico, former Golden Glove champion, in 1:45 of the second round at the Armory Arena.

This was the last of matchmaker's Mike London's boxing shows at the Armory as Mike moves into the new and beautiful Civic Auditorium, which will seat 6,000 fans, on May 1.

In a crowd pleasing six rounder Philipe Uribe, 132 lbs., Los Cruces, New Mexico, won a close decision over Francisco Davila, 130 lbs., Juarez, Mexico, in the semi-final of the evening.

▶ Little Henry Gutierrez, 135, New Mexico State lightweight champion made it three straight when he took the measure of Henry Leveston, 137, Colorado Springs, in the third round. Gutierrez hails from Deming, New Mexico. He has just turned 18. He is aggressive, loves to fight and with a little experience will be ready to move up into better circles.

▶ Don Nutter, 135, Waynoka, Oklahoma, won a unanimous decision over Florentino Subia, 134, El Paso, Texas, lightweight in a fast four rounder.

▶ In the opening four rounder, Andy Maes, 145, Denver, put a halt to Nelson Martinez, 147, Crownpoint, in 1:20 of the third round.

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND

By Don Hamill

REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson, 143½, Boston, survived a second round knockdown to outpoint L. C. Morgan, 143, Youngstown, O., in the ten round feature bout. Stevenson finished strong to gain a unanimous verdict.

Jimmy Connors, 129¾, a bright looking prospect from New Bedford, scored a unanimous decision over Cliff Brown, 126, Roxbury, in the six round semi-final. Tony Veronis, 148, Dorchester, continued his winning ways by stopping rugged Don Vincent, 146¼, Providence, in two rounds. Gunboat Steeves, 152½, now boxing out of Watertown, Mass., gained a split decision over Dom Prestone, 147, Malden, in the six round opener.

▶HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Johnny James, 171, Newark, N. J., climbed off the canvas in the seventh round and put on a furious rally in the final two rounds to edge out Eddie Demars, 169½, Springfield, the New England lightheavyweight king.

Jimmy McInnis, 135, Newark, left handed his way to a clear cut win over Tony Grosse, 140, Hartford, in a six spot. Gus Christie, 163, American International College student of Springfield, turned pro by stopping Jimmy Tate, 163, Northampton, in the final round of the four round opener.

▶LOWELL—Rex Arena—Billy Ryan, 168, Lowell, was forced to go the limit of six rounds for the first time in defeating Milton Ebbs, 165, Newark, N. J. After two rounds Ebbs learned that it was folly to mix with the local puncher and called upon his superior experience and defensive tactics to keep from being knocked out.

Floyd McCoy, 178, New York, punched too hard and too often for Jim Thornton, 177, Boston, whom he stopped in the third round. Walter Holman, 150, Allston, outclassed Gunboat Steeves, 152, Watertown, in a six rounder. Leroy "Rocky" Jones, 130, Halifax, N. S., outhustled veteran Johnny Johnikin, 133, New York, in six heats. Behind on points, Dom Prestone, 148, Malden, uncorked one on the chin of Freddie (Rudy) Johnson, 150, Newark, to win by a kayo in the third heat of the opener.

▶REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Bobby McHugh, 138, Brighton, racked up his 19th win as a pro when he polished off Ronnie Blackman, 136¼, Brooklyn, shortly after the start of the sixth round of the scheduled eight round feature.

Rudolph Bent, 148, British Honduras, stopped last minute sub, Peter Schmidt, 144¾, New York, in the eighth and final round of the co-feature. Petey Cass, 153, Boston, halted Tommy Marlowe, 154¾, New Bedford, in the first round of a sixer. Bobby Elm, 126, Providence, stopped Chris Alexander, 126, Revere, in the first round.

▶LOWELL—Rex Arena—Eddie Andrews, 152, Lowell, making his first hometown appearance since turning pro, experienced little opposition from Ben (Preacher) Jones, 155, Brooklyn, whom he stopped in the third round. Andrews battered Jones almost at will in the first two rounds and at the outset of the third round Referee Jimmy McCarron wisely called a halt.

Charley Douglas, 138, New York, won on a sixth round tko over Earl Matthews, 137, Boston. Leroy Jones, 129, Halifax, was too busy for Bobby Soares, 128, Providence, and copped the six round decision. Mickey Dwyer, 151, Dorchester, banged out a decision over Yucatan Reviera, 145, Brooklyn, in the four round opener.

▶REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Billy Ryan, 169½, Lowell, scored his fourth first round knockout in five pro bouts when he belted out Gene Walker, 167, Youngstown, O. A left hook put Walker down for a nine count and a jolting right cross put him down for good.

Jackson Brown, 151¾, Dorchester, copped the decision over Rusty Davis, 154½, Providence, in the six round semi-final. Tony Veronis, 149, Dorchester, continued to show much promise by the manner in which he disposed of Danny Jones, 149, Brooklyn, in the sixth round of their bout. Dave Grant, 153, Boston, stopped Willie Hartley, 155¾, Brooklyn, in the third of another sixer. Don Mann, 144½, Woonsocket, scored over Jimmy O'Malley, 149¼, Dorchester, in the four round curtain raiser.

▶HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Bob Baker, 217, Pittsburgh, had too much experience for youthful Jeff Dyer, 201½, Springfield, in the ten round feature. It was an even up fight for the first four rounds with Baker slowing Dyer down to a walk during the later rounds with a body attack. Dyer made it interesting by scoring with overhand rights to Baker's time and time again.

Alonzo Johnson, 181, Braddock, Pa., was too classy for Ollie Wilson, 186½, Hartford, and won an easy eight round decision. Gus Christie, 160, Springfield, scored his second pro win by stopping an inept Leroy Dedrick, 160½, Albany, in three rounds. Gunboat Steeves, 150, Watertown, won by a tko when Danny Chicaretti, 147, Albany, suffered a cut eye in the second round.

▶REVERE—Rollaway Arena—Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson, 145, Boston, finished with a rush, especially during the last two rounds, to edge out Weyman Dawson, 139, Pittsburgh, Pa., in their ten rounder. Dawson had built up a wide lead on points in the early rounds. The decision favoring Stevenson was split.

Bobby King, 175½, Everett, scored his second straight kayo of his comeback when he stiffened Willie Rice, 178, Sheffield, in the first round. Tony Veronis, 149¼, Dorchester, scored his seventh straight victory when he stopped Gunboat Steeves, 151½, Watertown, in the third round. Bob Berdahl, 151½, Roxbury, turned pro with a kayo over Joe Walker, 146, Roxbury, in the second.

▶HOLYOKE—Valley Arena—Johnny Cunningham, 156½, Baltimore veteran, was awarded a split ten round decision over Barry Allison, 150, Chicopee Falls. Cunningham resorted to hitting-and-holding tactics which ired Allison to the point that the bout developed into a mauling brawl at times. It was an extremely close fight and the fans were split in their response to the decision.

Bobby Soares, 130, Providence, outhustled Roy McNeil, 128, New York, to win a very close six round decision. Kid Chick, 119, Southwick, scored a first round knockdown in battling to a draw with veteran Charley DeBow, 122½, Springfield, in a sixer. Dennis McCann, 187½, Hartford, won when Bernie Spencer, 198, Westover Field, retired in his corner after the second round. Artie Cintron, 144, New York, stopped Young Sharkey, 138, Holyoke, in the final heat of a four.

▶LOWELL—Rex Arena—Billy Ryan, 171, Lowell, needed only 45 seconds and three punches to score his fifth one round knockout when he blasted Pat O'Brien, 179, Medford, out of the picture. A left to the body set him up, a right to the body and a left hook to the jaw dropped him for the full count.

Bob Berdahl, 152, Roxbury, annihilated Clyde Washington, 148, New York, in the fourth round of a sixer. Floyd McCoy, 173, New York, had too much artillery for Roy Belsito, 171, Worcester, whom he stopped in three rounds. Mickey Dwyer, 151, Dorchester, won by a tko when Yucatan Reviera, 147, New York, suffered a fractured rib and was unable to answer the bell for the sixth and final round. Jimmy Kelly, 136, Lowell, turned pro with a quick one round kayo over Eugene Bless, 135, New York.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS

By Sal Giacobbe

BRISTOL: STEVE WARD, 139, OF HARTFORD won his rubber match with Gene Butler, 139, Boston in a 10 round feature attraction at the Bristol Arena. Referee Eddie Reed scored the bout eight rounds for Ward, none for Butler and two even. But the bout was closer and more interesting than the score would indicate, as hard hitting Butler was always a threat. The bout was wildly cheered by 852 fans who paid a gross of close to $1,500.

In a six rounder, Frankie Roche, 139, Bristol, KO'd Tony Grasse, 138, Hartford, in 22 seconds of the fourth round. The rest of the show was made up of semi-pro bouts.

▶New Britain: Promoter Gil Hershman's first boxing show of the year at the Stanley Arena was a real crowd pleasing attraction. Steve Ward, 139, Hartford, met Graham Holmes, 138, Manchester, in the 10 round top spot. Holmes, making a comeback after an absence of two years, surprised the favored Ward by earning a draw, in a good hard fought bout. Corrado Mancarella, 141, Italy, kept his undefeated American record intact, by scoring a TKO over Joe Gaulet, 138, Hartford, in the sixth round. Mancarella was just too strong for his opponent. In a rousing six rounder Frankie Roche, 140, Bristol, won a close decision over Chico Modesto, 142, Puerto Rico.

▶A series of semi-pro boxing tournaments, sponsored by the Connecticut Boxing Guild, to stimulate interest in the sport and to establish champions in all the weight divisions has proved very encouraging to Guild members who are donating services and money to promoted interest in boxing. Keep up the good work. The Connecticut Boxing Guild's annual Banquet on May 23, will draw it's largest turnout for they are honoring the State's best known sportsman, Father Robert G. Keating.

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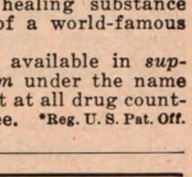

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THE CARDS ARE STACKED

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ing. We led with a natural and Lee seemed to be waiting for it, almost beating us to the punch. The greatest fighter he had seen? He dazzled us with four all-time greats. Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard, Henry Armstrong, Ray Robinson, in that order. It was surprising to see two "moderns" on the list and no mention of Joe Louis made.

But Dempsey was his man and no faint praise indeed poured forth. Lee vividly recalled Dempsey's introduction into New York, in the summer of 1916, an unknown kid, unruly and unkempt but full of battle. Johnny Reisler took him over and Tom McArdle put him on at the Fairmont A.C., up on 149th Street and Third Avenue, against the giant blond Andre Anderson. Skinny, untrained and untutored, Dempsey was dropped a number of times but fought back with animal courage to make it a rousing battle. Jack had a couple of more fights in New York and though proving himself a fighting fool (all three fights went ten rounds, no decision) he showed no class, little of the knockout punch which later made him famous and, discouraged, he drifted out of the Big City, almost as unnoticed as he had arrived.

When word reached New York several months later that the veteran Fireman Jim Flynn, who was on the tail-end of his long career, had kayoed the kid in less than a round in Salt Lake City, if anyone thought Dempsey possessed possibilities that loss made them get shot of those ideas quickly.

But along the way, the Grand Alliance of Boxing was made, the ideal union of brawn and brain, when Dempsey and Jack Kearns hooked up. Kearns set him up, straightened him out and made him train, parleying palaver and punch into several million dollars, the world championship and the Dempsey legend.

We had one question we were anxious to put to Lee. What did he think of today's fighters as compared to the fighters of thirty or more years ago?

Fighters of those days, said Lee, were more rugged and tougher but not necessarily better than today's. Today's fighters (believe it or not) have more science, know their basic moves and punches better. It must be remembered, Lee was not talking of a comparison between individual fighters, but the profession as a whole, then and now.

One great fault Lee finds with today's fighters (and there are a few exceptions to this) is that they rarely play for the body, a sure but often slow method of wearing down an opponent, sapping his strength, bringing his guard down and leaving him open for shots to the head. Today's head-hunters gamble exclusively for the big shot to the jaw, an usually elusive target which won't spell victory unless power of the dynamite variety is packed.

Lee feels that the transition period between the rugged old school of fighting compared to today's type of fighter —which has brought about a different method of conditioning and training, thinking and style of fighting—is best accentuated in the two Dempsey-Tunney battles.

Since Tunney came out on top in both fights—forget about all the added factors, we're talking about periods in fighting history, not two individual fighters—it would seem to indicate that, perhaps, the modern school might be superior to the old school of fighters.

Lee amiably, but reluctantly, agreed that this might be so, but, in the manner of the old school in which he was taught, he was playing for the body and getting our guard down. He landed the crusher when he answered the question with explosive force, with a question.

"Put Dempsey and Tunney in a fight in a cellar and who do you think would walk out of there?" It was a question which seemed to need no answer.

We knew it was time to return to talk of printing or conclude the interview. The latter seemed the wisest course.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

MAJOR W. H. PEEPLES, JR., for many years a boxing and sports promoter in Florida, met with high officials of the Jacksonville Junior Chamber of Commerce to discuss a big-time boxing show for the Gateway City. At conclusion, Jacksonville was looking towards the biggest hunk of publicity it could receive. A nationally televised show is assured the folks of Jacksonville and Jim Norris, International Boxing Club top man, is solid for the Major's selection. Scene of the project will be the Duval County Armory which has nursed many a boxing bout back when Ed Corley was matchmaking for the National Guard.

Attending the meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel were: Junior Jaycees President Bob McGee; vice presidents Paul Halter, George Register and George Seaward; Henry Cook, chairman of the ways and means committee; Bob Harris, chairman of a sub-committee for boxing; Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., of Miami; Jack Hairston, sports editor of the Jacksonville Journal, and your correspondent.

▶A sports arena for Jacksonville is pepping talk for the return of boxing here and the building should be ready in 1959.

▶A year's lay-off mattered but little to Bobby Dykes 159, Miami, who made his first ring appearance in that time at Fort Lauderdale on March 9th. Facing Clarence "Cat" Robinson, 160, of Jacksonville, in the headliner, Dykes showed much of his old-time ring form to take a 10 rounder from his foe in an interesting bout.

Tony Masciarelli, 167, now of Pompano, won a 10 round semi from Andres Gonzales, 165½, of Havana, for his fourth straight here. The boys waged the battle at close quarters. The "Deacon" Washington-Billy Leonard match lasted only one round but it contained enough action to suit the customers. Leonard started off the aggressor and after a mix between them a right hand spilled the north Florida boy for the final count in 1:09. Washington, from Deerfield, tipped 166, same as for Leonard.

Opening up Promoter Glenn Sheppard's fine show, was the four rounder between Buddy Edenfield, 143¾, of Miami, and Duane Simpson, 139½, of Opa Locka. Buddy won the decision and had Simpson on the canvas in the last round for insurance.

▶Finding himself in the sixth round after close competition for five, Rory Calhoun, 161¾, roared and fired and James Bussey, 164½, lost by a TKO in the featured bout on Promoter Chris Dundee's Miami Beach show. Thirteen punches, effective enough to keep Bussey from throwing a blow, proved enough for Referee Cy Gottfried's view and he stopped it after the unlucky (for James) deliverance.

Aldo Menti, 140, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Rocky Randell, 143, Tampa, waged a fine 10 round semi which neither won the decision but did win the crowd's plaudits after their hard fight. Clem Florio, 163, Hialeah, TKOed Isaac Packett, 157, Seattle, in the third round. Ken McCurrey, 121½, of Charlotte, took a four from Johnny Lanier, 126¾, of New Orleans. Al DuBois, 137, Miami, annexed four from Billy Hall, 142, Hialeah.

▶Ernie Cab is in the driver's seat as far as popularity goes. Tackling 6-1 favorite Paul Andrews in a 10 rounder at Miami Beach, the 208 pound New York scrapper refused to be counted out of the picture after absorbing many belts by the Buffalo belter. Taking what came, he earned a chance for a quick name in the sixth by dropping Andrews with a left hand. He almost accomplished the same in the fourth. Class eventually told. Andrews, competing now as a heavyweight, weighed 194.

Joe Budow, 131, Miami, beat fellow townsman Danny Gilbert, 134, in four. Al DuBois, 137, Miami, followed suit but with a TKO in four over Duane Simpson. Rudy Ortega, 133½, Havana, drew in 10 with Johnny O'Brien, 138, West Palm Beach. Tom Simonetti, 162, Hollywood, drew in six with Deacon Washington, 162, of Deerfield Beach. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶Hearing so much about Bobby Lane's right hand punch sways our way of thinking that a Lew Jenkins may be in our midst down Florida way. Latest report on "Boppin' Bobby" tells of his exploit with Clarence "Cat" Robinson in a scheduled 10 round headliner at Miami for Promoter (Major) W. H. Peeples, Ja. Robinson, 161, of Jacksonville, had given Bobby Dykes an excellent stand at Fort Lauderdale. The fight wound up with Lane by a knockout in three rounds after feinting with his left and finishing it quickly with a right to the jaw. The victor, now living in Miami, tipped 163. The loser was counted out by Ref Billy Regan.

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

Flash Elorde, 130¾, won the unanimous 12 round decision over Tommy Romulo, 134¼, at the Coliseum. This bout was another GAB version of the Ad Interim lightweight championship of the Philippines. Elorde sustained a cut on his left eyebrow in the 5th round while Romulo received a cut on his right eyebrow in the last round.

Jackie Trillana, 127, won over veteran Paulito Escarlan, 127, in 10 rounds. Trillana was down in the first round for the mandatory 8 count. From the beginning he was the master.

Winnie Rebolado, 132, who substituted for Baby Gony, halted Ben Escobar, 134, in the 7th round. Baby Brown, 122, kayoed Willie Tomada, 131, in the 3rd round. It was the biggest surprise of the evening.

Danny Kid Jr., 126, won over Terry Blanker, 130, in 6 rounds. Baby Independence, 110, bested Rudy Alcantara, 114, in another 6 rounder. Lucky Marcelo, 125, halted Flor Reyes, 132, in the 2nd round. Buddy Sacramento, 128, won over Radi Rey, 120, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Pa Aranas, 114, outpointed Little Raytranco, 118, in 8 rounds in Santa Cruz, Laguna. Nestor Checa, 112, drew with Little Romulo, 111, in 6 rounds. Rush Villa, 136, kayoed Mercy Cruz, 140, in the 2nd round. Kid Samson, 118, halted Al Sayson, 117, in the 3rd. Star Agawa, 110, kayoed Young Rudy, 112, in the 3rd round. Baby Allen, 110, knocked out Small Sidro, 111, in 4. Nick Rigidor, 104, and Baby Santos, 103, drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ARENA "OLIMPICA", GOMEZ PALACIO:—TOBE PENALOZA, 137, outpointed Humberto Carrillo, 130, in ten rough rounds. Tobe, from Acapulco, floored his man twice. Marcelo Gonzàlez, 119, beat Ramòn Cervantes, 120, in 10. The decision was booed. Claudio Adame, 125, stopped Chatito Flores, 126, in two rounds. Watch this Adame boy.

▶**AUDITORIUM "CRUZ BLANCA",** Chàvez:—Manuel "Ratòn" Robles, 133, beat Pedro Piña, 131, in ten. Veteran Domingo Hidalgo, 133, was too wise for Salvador "Chicharitos" Ruiz, 133, and finished the youngster in nine rounds.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Terreon:—Fidel Lucero, 128, skinny blacksmith, got a 10-round triumph over Luis "Tejon" Contreras, 130, Mexico City. Fidel floored his foe two times in the sixth. The Bronco from Fresnillo, Joe Castañeda, 146, whipped Herminio Luis Vazquez, 148, in ten unilateral rolls. Manuel Varela, 129, KO'd Eloy Pereira, 126, in six rounds.

▶PLAZA DE TOROS, Torreòn:—Alfonso Flores, 149, outpointed Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 150, in ten. Lucio "Borrachito" Gonzàlez, 127, iced Carlos Loyola, 127, in the fifth. Gonzàlez is the Bantamweight Champion around La Laguna territory but now he is fighting as a feather.

▶GUAMUCHIL:—Alberto Martinez, 117, beat Hector "Chango" Ceballos, 118, in ten rounds.

▶TAMPICO:—David Cervantes, 146, got the ten-round duke over Enrique Esqueda, 144, one of the Mexico City topnotchers, now making campaign in the welter class.

▶ACAPULCO:—Cachorro Meza, 126, halted Vincente Macedo, 125, in the fourth. Hilario Morales, 124, and Alfredo Urbina, 127, drew after 8 rounds.

▶GUAMUCHIL:—Veteran Paulino Montes, 140, continued with his comeback campaign. Now he won a 10-round decision over Leo Corrales, 137. Good luck Paulino!

▶HUIXTLA:—Rolando Pérez, 146, stopped Huracan del Sur, 148, in five rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—David Camacho, 131, decisioned Pedro Tostado, 133, in ten. Enrique Lutteroth, the city promoter, is doing a fine job with these popular shows.

▶LEON:—Jose "Toluco" Lòpez, 121, National Bantamweight Champion, nailed Laredo Babe Lòpez, 124, in four rounds. This was really a training match for Toluco who is trying to get a meeting with fabulous Ratòn Macias in Mexico City.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 113, iced Percy Lightburn, 117, in the fourth. Henry Macias, 127, stopped Kid Aviña, 129, in the tenth.

▶MONTERREY:—David Rodriguez, 117, bested Manuel Rodriguez, 118, in ten. Baby Alonso, 133, decisioned Tony Hernandez, 130, also in ten.

▶TAPACHULA:—Fili Nava, 121, outpointed Antonio Coria, 119, in ten. Mario Alonso Ochoa, 149, put veteran Fillo Prado, 145, to sleep in six.

▶MATAMOROS:—Eddie Brant, 150, won a decision over Ubaldo Ramirez, 140, in ten. 10 pounds difference is a big handicap.

▶NAVOJOA:—Panchin Duran, 136, KO'd Baby Escalante, 135, in the fourth. Bobby Robles, 117, decisioned Joe Arias, 118, in the 8-round semi.

▶LEON▸—Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 148, embalmed Carlos Camacho, 146, in three rounds. Heliodoro Hernandez, 127, decisioned Solache Garcia, 126, in ten.

▶LOS MOCHIS:—Everardo Armenta, 145, iced Fili Montero, 144, in five rounds. Paulino Montes, 138, halted Leo Corrales, 139, in the first round. Henry "Rayo" Gutiérrez, 113, stopped Chocolate Alvarez, 112, in two rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Tomàs Lòpez "El Conscripto", 144, former Champion, and Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 146, National Welterweight King, drew in ten wild rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Marcial Galicia, 112, stopped Zurdo Arce, 111, in five rounds. Toro Padilla, 110, bested Adriàn Rojas, 111, in the 8-round semi.

▶TAPACHULA:—Enrique Esqueda, 145, halted Rayo del Sur, 149, in three rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 149, defeated Reyes Lòpez, 143, in ten rounds. Zurdo Espinosa, 121, stopped Chatito Flores, 125, in the sixth.

▶ACAPULCO:—Gildardo Bacho, 120, decisioned Cachorro Meza, 125, in ten rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Raùl Leaños, 116, the little one from the fighting family, scored a very good triumph when he got the 10-round duke over Roque Fernàndez, 115, Mexico City.

▶LOS MOCHIS:—Arnold Hill or Arnoldo Gil, 139, bested Julio Escobedo, 129, in ten rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 113, iced Dusty Brown, 118, in four rounds.

▶REYNOSA:—David Rodrìguez, 118, nailed Percy "Kayo-by" Lightburn, 116, in the fourth.

▶MONTERREY:—Manuel Rodriguez, 119, bested Chuy Guerrero, 117, in ten fast rounds.

▶TAPACHULA:—Rudy Jiménez, 155, former National Middle Champ, stopped Gabriel Barragan, 157, in six rounds.

▶GUAMUCHIL:—Paulino Montes, 136, engaged Fili Montero, 138, to a kayo marriage in nine wild rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Indio Conde, 129, bested Lalo Camarena, 127, in ten. Chiquis Rosales, 117, embalmed Cuyo Nuñez, 118, in the sixth.

▶MONTERREY:—Luciano Gonzalez, 141, halted rough and tough Fidel Hernandez, 139, in nine rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 148, stopped Tuzo Jiménez, 150, in six. Kid Aviña, 128, decisioned Heliodoro Hernàndez, 126, in ten rounds.

▶CUERNAVACA:—Avelino Félex, 117, bested Manuel Rojas, 119, in ten rounds.

▶TAMPICO:—Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 145, Welterweight Champion of Mexico, had to work very hard to get a very booed 10-round duke over hard hitter Alvaro Gutierrez, 148.

▶ACAPULCO:—Joe Medel, 115, stopped Percy Lightburn, 117, in four rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Universitario Cantù, 135, decisioned Felipe Sosa, 129, in ten rounds.

BORDER BOXING NEWS
By L. "Borrado" Sanchez

"CANCHA BOMBEROS" PIEDRAS NEGRAS COAH.: Jose "Baby" Gonzales, 129, scored a unanimous ten rounds decision over Fidel Hernandes, 134.

C. D. Acuna "Terraza Tropical": Juanillo Hernandes, 129, kayoed Chino Flores, 132, in five rounds.

"Terraza Tropical" C. D. Acuna Coah.: La "Rumba" Saucedo, 173, flattened Negro De Oro, 174, in the 4th of the main event.

Frank Campos, 132, upset Guadalupe Miranda, 130, in eight. Lorenzo "Kid Chocolate" Jimenes, 120, decisioned Leoncito Almendariz, 120, in six. Hector "Torringa" Rodrigues, 134, former amateur champ, won his third pro fight, beating Chago Rios, 135, in four.

C. D. Acuna: Kid Manolo, 136, La Laguna, kayoed Frank Espinoza, 132, in only two rounds.

Chino Flores, 134, outpointed Rudy Martines, 131, in eight. Hector "Torringa" Rodrigues, 134, and Gallito Martines, 134, drew in six.

NOTES FROM MEXICALI
By Francisco B. Escalante

OF COURSE EVERY MAN IS ENTITLED TO his own particular opinion, but it seemed to me that the fight between Johnny Gonsalves, 138, and Alfredo "Al" Nevarez, 138, was won by the man that has been world-ranked 8 of the 9 years he has been fighting, but the referee and two judges thought differently and they gave the decision to Nevarez. I do concede the fact that the Oakland boy clutched and held and made a very uninteresting fight of it, but in spite of that I thought he deserved the decision.

In the 10 round semi, Kid Irapuato, 122, was also awarded a "gift" decision over the Mexico City boy, Kid San Martin, 121. These two put on a very interesting battle.

In the 6 round special, Felipe Payan, 126, TKO'd Chano Acosta, 126, in the second heat.

In a 6 rounder Al Flores, 130, beat Chino Esquivel, 135. Flores won the decision handily.

Francisco "Cuate" Sanchez, 115, won a cleancut decision over Hector "Shorty" Agundez, 118, in the curtain raiser.

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BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP: Yuyín Trejo, 130, and Baby Lizarraga, 132, drew in ten rounds; Kid Gavilan, 126, stopped Chico Tamayo, 126, in the fourth round.

▶ORIZABA, VER: Víctor Manuel Quijano, National featherweight champion, kayoed Rodolfo Ramos, 127, in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder, after flooring him twice.

▶LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA: Manuel Armenteros, 126, of Cuba, iced Miguel "Estudiante" Cárdenas, 128, of Yucatán in 3 rounds.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP: Felipe "Babalú" Novelo, 128, of Yucatán, TKO'd Neón Kid, 130, after 3 rounds.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

APPROXIMATELY 1800 FANS WERE ON HAND to see Sugar Boy Nando, 150, Aruba, defend his middleweight title for the second time against challenger Sam Langford, 159, Aruba, at the Swingsters Square Garden under the promotion of Johan Steffanie. The bout, scheduled for 15 rounds, was a contest of strength versus experience from the first round until the end as the more experienced Nando paced himself well for eight rounds, when Langford, complaining of a back injury, could not continue and the bout was awarded to Nando on a TKO in the 8th round.

Kid Chocolate, 130, Aruba, continued his meteoric rise in the Caribbean lightweight division as he blasted Pedro Majora, 140, Venezuela, to win by a kayo in the 3rd round.

Roughhouse Kid, 149, Aruba, making his debut as a professional, easily defeated Kid Peligroso, 145, Aruba, in a 6-rounder.

Kid Walcott, 132, Aruba, spotted his rough opponent Sparring Kid, 142, Aruba, over 9 pounds and stopped him after 1:10 minutes of the second round by TKO.

Easy Boy Sonny, 131, Aruba, won his first victory over Johnny Gumbs, 131, Aruba, in a 3-round bout.

BAHAMAS BOXING NEWS
By Chris W. Malakius

THE RETURN OF YAMA BAHAMA of Bimini, welterweight champion of the Bahamas, to Nassau, featured ring action in the Colony in March. Yama, 149½, pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision over tough Willie "Kid" Johnson, 149, of Florida. After being floored 3 times in the opening round, "The Kid" came back and made a fight showing his ability to absorb punishment.

A splendid turnout of 4,000 spectators was on hand to witness Chris Dundee's show at Garfunkel Field.

Promising Gomeo Brennan, 149, also of Bimini, defeated Henry "Rocky" Ferguson, 150, of Nassau in the 8-round semi-final. Milton Dames, 150, kayoed Vogol Reckley, 148, in 2. George Curry, 131, decisioned Kid Newton, 130, in 3. Bertie Smith and Bernard Bethet, drew in 3.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA
By William Albert

▶ At Caracas: "Palacio de Deportes", Vincente Rivas, young promising lightweight, scored a victory over the Champ Luis Barreto in ten rounds. (Non Title).
Gate: $5,200.

▶ Caracas: In a card promoted by Oscar Ibarra in the "Palacio de Deportes", Ramon Arias, 112, won the Flyweight crown, defeating Ramon Calatayud, 112, in 12 rounds. Veteran Marcelino Molina, 135, kayoed Spanish Young Gonzalez, 134, in two rounds. Gate, enclosed TV-Rights: $3,450.

▶ "Palacio de Deportes": Vincente Matute, former Venezuelan Olympic lightweight, kayoed Isaac Isturiz in seven rounds. Alejandro "Cochinito" Acosta, 128, outpointed Modesto Maduro, 128½, in six.

Salomon Carrizales, 147, defeated Ramon Gonzalez, 140, in six. Luis Maggiarino, 150, stopped Pedro Machado, 152, in the first round. Dante Faciatore (Italian) lost to Carlos Amoroso, (Featherweights). Ed. Rodriguez, 127, outpointed Oscar Martinez, 125, in four.

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OPPORTUNISTS

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one Jim was supposed to be an easy victim for his opponent. The Braddock tale began June 14, 1934, and ended one day short of a year later, June 13, 1935.

The story started when Braddock, retired from the ring and eking out a precarious existence for himself and his family with odd jobs along the New Jersey waterfront, grabbed a chance to pick up a few dollars in a preliminary to the Primo Carnera-Max Baer heavyweight title bout in the Long Island Bowl. Braddock was selected as a soft touch for the New York debut of a classy young southerner, Corn Griffin, who had looked sensational in training camp workouts with Carnera.

For one round it seemed that Jim had been well chosen. He was knocked down and given a right royal going-over by Griffin. But Braddock wasn't one to take a licking without trying to fight back. He came out punching in the second, and proceeded to wreck the Griffin build-up by flattening the southerner.

Then John Henry Lewis, of Arizona, who had been stirring up all sorts of excitement on the Pacific Coast, came on to New York for a series of bouts lined up for Madison Square Garden. Eager to get Lewis off to an impressive start, Braddock was once more hauled off the Hoboken docks to serve as the Arizonan's first victim.

Once again Jim messed up the plans. He outfought Lewis, scoring a knockdown on the way.

Meanwhile, a campaign was on to determine a challenger for Max Baer, who had relieved Carnera of the heavyweight title. The tourney narrowed down to Steve Hamas and Art Lasky. In what was to have been the final eliminator, Hamas won the decision in Madison Square Garden, but his margin was so slim it was decided to stage another bout in an effort to come up with a more decisive victor. Lasky was willing, but Hamas, who had beaten Max Schmeling in Philadelphia, elected to get himself a trip to Europe to meet Herr Moxie again in Germany. It was a disastrous venture for Hamas. Handicapped by a recurrence of an old football injury to his knee, Steve was battered into a knockout by Schmeling.

Lasky now found himself the logical opponent of Baer, but he had to go through the formality of posting a victory over somebody, anybody, to cinch the title match. Once again Braddock was hauled into the scene. And once again Jim scrambled the plans. He whipped Lasky in the Garden.

Now Braddock found himself matched with Baer for the championship in the Long Island Bowl. Jim's chances were regarded as all but hopeless. Officially, the price against him was 10 to 1. Unofficially, it could have been 100 to 1.

What happened, of course, represents one of the most remarkable chapters in sock market history. In one year's time, and in four bouts, an apparent derelict of the ring had fought his way through the mists of oblivion to the heavyweight championship of the world.

How well we recall a bout that was supposed to discourage a young preliminary boxer but resulted in just the reverse, and started him on a drive to the world bantamweight title.

It was during the winter of 1921-22 and we were chatting with Harry (Champ) Segal in an all-night coffee joint in Harlem. Segal was managing a likely stable of young fighters at the time. To Harry they were all future champions—except one.

"I wish I could make him quit fighting," said Champ. "He's just a tough kid, with a lot of guts, but he'll never make a fighter, and if he keeps trying he'll get hurt some day. I've done everything I could to discourage him, but he just won't be discouraged."

"Why not get him a good licking" we suggested. "Don't put him in with a dangerous puncher, who's apt to hurt him, but some fast, busy boxer who'll throw so many gloves at him he'll give up in disgust."

Segal thought it a good suggestion, and he had the chance to put it to use a few weeks later.

Frankie Genaro, one of the finest little mechanics of his time, was booked for a main event at the Commonwealth Club. His opponent reported ill, and Matchmaker Jess McMahon started scouting around for a substitute. Segal heard of it and rushed in to offer the young man he was trying to discourage.

"That's no match," snorted McMahon. "Your kid's only a preliminary fighter. It would be a massacre."

Segal insisted. Finally, unable to locate a more suitable replacement on such short notice, McMahon reluctantly accepted the Segal entry.

This was the bout, Segal smiled. Genaro had been boxing professionally about a year after winning every amateur championship for which he had competed—New York State, Metropolitan Association, National A.A.U. and Olympic. As a pro he had continued where he left off in the simon pures and was rapidly establishing himself as an outstanding contender for the world flyweight title. With all his speed and skill, Genaro was not a puncher, but he could throw his fists in unending clusters and if anybody figured to do a complete discouraging job on Segal's young charge, Frankie was it.

The kid, determined to show Champ that he *could* fight, came through with a sensational performance. He didn't beat Genaro, but he gave Frankie a whale of an argument and the decision at the end of twelve rounds was a close one.

That started the young man on his way. Two years later Charley (Phil) Rosenberg was bantamweight champion of the world.

Opportunity isn't merely where or when you find it. It's what you do with it when the Big Chance comes along.

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Nicholas Arena. For five rounds it was a slow, messy affair between two awkward rivals. Although ahead on points, the more experienced Durelle had found Floyd a bothersome foeman. The Canadian was cuffed around plenty and cut over both eyes. Floyd couldn't maintain the pace, however, and tired in the sixth. He absorbed some rough treatment in that session, and was a weary young man going out for the seventh. Durelle lost no time finishing matters. Two lusty clouts, a right and a left, dumped Floyd on his panties. He stumbled up at eight, but reeled unsteadily to the ropes, and Referee Johnny LoBianco wisely called a halt. Danny Russo, 151¾, Brooklyn, decisioned Joe Lissy, 152, Yorkville, in the semi-final six. Paul Wright, 161¼, East Side, won from Otis Woodard, 159½, Harlem, in another six. With the one exception of Benny Antonetti, 145½, Puerto Rico, Brooklynites had a trio of fours to themselves. Eddie Jordan, 148¼, whipped Antonetti, and in the all-Brooklyn pairings Tommy Selkirk, 190¼, drew with Augie Turiane, 184, and Johnny Beau, 129½, won from Guy Fatta, 126¾.

▶ Topping the last fight card scheduled for Madison Square Garden for three months, high-ranking welterweight Isaac Logart, 147¼, Cuba, needed all his speed, cleverness and accurate punching to edge out that nonstop buzzsaw, Gil Turner, 148¾, Philadelphia, in a rousing ten packed with action. Win, lose or draw, the aggressive Turner can always be depended upon to make a fight of it, and Logart had no chance to "coast" at any time. The Cuban had to battle all the way to finish in front of the persistent Philadelphian. In fact, it wasn't until the closing rounds, when Turner tired, that Logart was able to cinch the verdict for himself. Fernando Spallotta, 160¾, Italy, repeated a previous victory by outslugging Rinzo Nocero, 165¼, Brooklyn, in the semi-final eight. A scheduled six ended at 1:49 of the fifth, with Jimmy Robinson, 166¼, Philadelphia, disposing of Phil Saxton, 165½, Elizabeth, N. J. In fours, Harry Ball, 176, a newcomer from Germany, beat Charley Butler, 180, Harlem; Artie McCann, 140, West Side, decisioned Leroy Tucker, 137, Harlem, and Bobby Shell, 141¾, Harlem, won from Cortez Jackson, 140, Philadelphia.

▶ "No. 13" held no terrors to the new German heavyweight threat, Billy Besmanoff, 194¼, who spotted twenty pounds, as well as several inches in height and reach to the veteran Bob Baker, 214¼, Pittsburgh, and outpointed him in a lively ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Unbeaten in eleven outings in Europe in 1956, and winner of his one previous American start this year, Besmanoff was shooting for his 13th straight victory in the most important bout of his career to date. The German fought a cool, methodical bout against his bigger and more experienced foe. Billy outboxed Baker most of the way and even outpunched him in several brisk exchanges. It was an unexpectedly lively bout for heavyweights, and Baker, though he lost, showed more animation than New Yorkers had seen him display in a long time. Bill Flamio, 145, Bronx, outfought the veteran Phil Morizio, 144½, Yorkville, in a rugged semi-final six. Likely-looking Cortez Stewart, 182, Philadelphia, was a winner over Alonzo Lee Johnson, 180½, Rankin, Pa., in another six. In fours, Sylvester Garrison, 192, Harlem, whipped Don Jackson, 183½, Brooklyn, and Bob Harris, 182½, Brooklyn, accounted for the only kayo of the night when he stopped Joe Werba, 213½, West Side, at 2:01 of the third.

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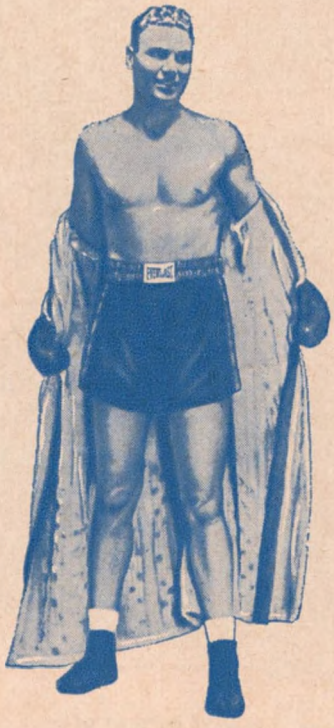

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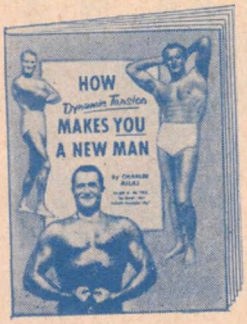

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